

Wreckers of the Home Front

AN EDITORIAL

HOW long will the "to-hell-with-the-war" crowd get away with their disruptive work in Congress? This question is prompted by the callous brutality with which the "economy" group in the House Appropriations Committee decided not to provide maternity payments for the wives of soldiers.

The government asked for a measly \$1,200,000 to help the states provide maternity and child-care for soldiers' families in special emergency cases.

And the Congressional wreckers said "No!" The government asked for money to help do away with the causes of absenteeism and industrial accidents.

The Congressional wreckers in the House Committee drew themselves up haughtily and said "No!"

The government asked for money to finance the increased production of war foods. And the Congressional wreckers in another committee said "No!"

The government asked the House Appropriations Committee for money to help increase the efficiency of the war rationing system. The Congressmen said "No!"

Martin Dies asked Congress to wreck America by spreading the Berlin "Anti-Comintern" lies. Congress enthusiastically said "Yes!"

There are dozens of such examples. The cliques in Congress following the Hoover-Wheeler-Dies line have been pretending that they "support the war" but "differ with Roosevelt on domestic problems."

That lie is being exposed by the wreckers themselves. Every measure of their false "economy" is directed at hurting the war effort of the United States.

Their slashing of maternity funds will demoralize our soldiers when they hear that their wives and children will be helpless at childbirth. The other slashes will help to spread profiteering, industrial accidents, and general disorganization in our war industries.

And these slick members of the House Appropriations Committee know it!

THE sabotage of the government's so-called "domestic program" is nothing but concealed sabotage of the war effort, because the "domestic program" is that part of the war effort related to producing munitions and maintaining morale.

And the "economy" gang is deliberately wrecking the measures needed to increase war output and maintain morale. In fact, it is not the puny "savings" they are really interested in at all. It is the wrecking of the home front in order to cripple our military effort which really interests them.

THIS has got to stop. It is getting dangerous or our armed forces who will be deprived of munitions by the labor-baiters.

Can it be stopped? It certainly can. The wreckers in Congress are not meeting with united, organized opposition. The administration leaders are not taking up the challenge. The labor movement and the farm organizations are not yet united in an efficient legislative force.

And the people back home are not yet putting sufficient pressure on each and every Congressman to compel him to FIGHT for the government's victory program.

Do you care about Congressional refusal to curb the profiteers? Do you care about the Congressional refusal to care for soldier's wives in childbirth? Do you care about the Congressional support for the Berlin-made "Anti-Comintern" disruptions?

Then decide to ACT now. In every trade union, urge that your union act in the spirit of the proposal for joint AFL-CIO legislative action in Congress.

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ROMMEL BATTERED BACK; SOVIETS CONTINUE GAINS

City CIO Seeks Million Names In Bridges Plea

Alarmed at the government's action in ordering Harry Bridges to surrender on March 3 for deportation, unions throughout the nation were speeding appeals direct to President Roosevelt to stop the deportation of the man who has done more than any single individual on the West Coast to cement labor-management cooperation for war production.

The New York CIO called upon the 500,000 members of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council to have their local unions forward appeals directly to President Roosevelt.

In Cleveland the CIO Council, in its regular meeting Wednesday night, wired President Roosevelt urging him to rescind the action of Attorney General Francis Biddle ordering Bridges to be deported.

CITIES WAR AID The Cleveland resolution cited Bridges' contribution to the war unity of management and labor and declared that the action against him "violates the democratic principles for which we are fighting."

Individual local unions were forwarding protests to the President. The Beauty Culturists Union, Local 11, of New York, told President Roosevelt that the action against Bridges "seems incredible in the extreme. . . . The deportation of Bridges must not occur."

The New York CIO appealed for a campaign for a million signatures

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Foster Greeted On 62nd Year

The warm greetings of his closest co-workers was sent to William Z. Foster yesterday on the 62nd birthday of the veteran Communist Party chairman.

The greeting, signed by eight members of the Political Committee of the Communist Party, said:

"Dear Comrade Foster: The Political Committee extends warmest birthday greetings to you on the occasion of your sixty-second birthday. As National Chairman of our Party, your leadership serves as a great pillar of strength enhancing the role and contributions which our Party and the trade unions are making in the defense of our country against the Hitlerites, and their Italian and Japanese allies, in speeding victory for the United Nations over Nazism-fascism. Your tireless efforts to strengthen the fighting alliance of the American-Soviet-British coalition, to hasten the opening of the second front in Europe, to promote

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RAF Sinks Big Ship Off Malta

VALLETTA, Malta, Feb. 25 (UP).—RAF torpedo bombers from Malta sank a large enemy supply ship and damaged another last night in an attack on an enemy convoy north of Trapani, Sicily, an RAF communiqué said today.

Allied aircraft from the Mediterranean island-base attacked trains in Tunisia, Italy and Sicily, the communiqué said.

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Retailer's Pledge



Posters carrying a pledge to cooperate in the price control and over all rationing programs are beginning to appear in retail grocery and dairy stores along First Ave., from 14th to Houston Sts. Communist price wardens have placed them with retailers, who are charging 37 cents a pound for "print" butter according to OPA regulations. The placards are issued as a service by the Daily Worker and the Communist Party of the 9th A.D., which are conducting a drive against skyrocketing prices in the workingclass area.

NAM Living Cost Survey a Fraud

By George Morris
The National Association of Manufacturers yesterday released a set of its own statistics to "back" its well-oiled national drive for higher profits, lower wages and fewer unions.

The NAM's claim, purported to be an analysis of "real" wages, puts the rise in the cost of living in three years at only 19 per cent. This the NAM contrasts with the charge that hourly earnings rose by 41.8 per cent and weekly earnings by 71.8 per cent between the period of August, 1939, and November, 1942.

To still further amplify upon its propaganda, the NAM cites what it claims is the rise in necessities to show the "inflationary spiral at work." It goes as far as to admit that a rise in food of 33.2 per cent, clothing 25.6 per cent and house furnishings 22.4 per cent. But the rent rise is just 7.9 per cent. To make its point perfectly clear.

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President Sick, Has Slight Fever

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—President Roosevelt is ill from what the White House described today as "a little intestinal upset." His ailment is not regarded as serious, the White House said.

White House Secretary William D. Hassett said the President "will have to remain quiet for a few days and see how things shape up."

Mr. Roosevelt, Hassett said, has cancelled all engagements and will not receive any callers until his condition shows some improvement.

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Poor, Misunderstood Hobbs --- Meet The Man Who Would Crush Labor

By Virginia Gardner
(By Federated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—I celebrated Washington's birthday by interviewing Rep. (Judge) Sam Hobbs (D., Ala.).

Apparently conscious of the day, he said solemnly, but with a little self-deprecating smile, "I would feel that I was not being a patriot," he paused on the word, "if I didn't do my duty by my country in sponsoring this bill."

He alluded to the so-called anti-racketeering bill which would shake legitimate labor in its ordinary activities, according to the AFL and the CIO. Hobbs indicated that he had his mental Valley Forge. Here he was, a

friend of labor, and yet misunderstood.

"I've always been for the little man," he said, his manner one of hurt reproof. "But what credit do I get for it? No, in labor's eyes I'm just an a. o. b."

This language was a shock indeed, coming from the judge. But he indicated he felt deeply in the matter. He went on to tell me how he had worked for the railway brotherhoods, gotten the railway bridge bill passed and was known in Selma as a man who fought the Southern Railway.

Only trouble with this picture was that I checked with railway brotherhood officials and they said the Southern Railway made \$600,000 out of that bridge business, and

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Nazis Rush Reserves from Africa, West

LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—The Red Army was meeting strong opposition and some counter-attacks, but their general advance continued, United Press dispatches from Moscow said today.

Before Orel, midway on the 400-mile Khar'kov-Moscow railroad, Soviet troops advanced through deep snowdrifts to capture a series of villages, a dispatch of the Moscow newspaper Pravda said.

But west of Khar'kov, where the Soviets were striking on a 120-mile front, threatening the cities of Voronezh and Poltava and advancing due westward in an attempt to cut the German north-south defense line, the spring thaw was creeping up, the Moscow dispatch said.

United Press dispatches continued to emphasize the power and savagery of the German counter-attacks in the Donets Basin.

They said that the German air force was being strongly reinforced with the arrival of better flying weather, on the entire Ukraine-Donets Basin front and that the German command had thrown powerful reserves into the fighting all the way between the Donets Basin and the Dnieper River.

German counter-attacks were still increasing in strength, the dispatches said.

Red Army spokesmen said that German reserves were still arriving.

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Warning!

Reports persisted in New York radio circles yesterday that Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker, now stumping the country under "mysterious" auspices in a series of speeches against labor, the New Deal and the so-called "fourth term issue" would soon begin a weekly radio series.

Sponsored by a powerful industrial corporation in the Middle West, the broadcasts are slated for a nationwide hookup.

Rickenbacker, widely assailed by labor leaders and many public officials throughout the country, for his slanders against the soldiers on the production front, will be his own commentator, it is learned, and will direct his appeal primarily to the youth of the U. S.

The program, it is rumored, will attempt to dramatize Army, Navy and Marine exploits as a springboard for the National Association of Manufacturers line Rickenbacker has been peddling since his dramatic rescue in the South Sea.

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Continues Retreat Under Allied Blows

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, Feb. 25 (UP).—Allied forces in Tunisia rammed Nazi remnants deep inside Kasserine Pass with a shattering bomb and shell barrage tonight after ridding the plain to the northwest of the last enemy soldier.



MAJ. GEN. GROMOV

Soviet Ace Wires U.S.—'Time Near'

Major Gen. Mikhail Gromov, famed Soviet aviator who flew across the Pole from Moscow to California in 1937, yesterday replied to the greetings on the Red Army's 25th anniversary sent by prominent Americans from a banquet sponsored by Soviet Russia Today.

General Gromov said "the moment approaches when the armed forces of both our countries and Great Britain will launch a joint struggle on the continent of Europe."

General Gromov wrote:

"The numerous warm messages of congratulations received from the United States on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Red Army are highly valued by our armed forces as an expression of the fighting friendship uniting our countries."

"These hearty greetings strengthen our conviction that the moment approaches when the armed forces of both our countries and Great Britain will launch a joint struggle on the continent of Europe against our common enemy, crush Hitlerite Germany and liberate the peoples of Europe forever from their bloody oppressors. I send to all our American friends the warmest greetings and heartfelt wishes for the success of their armed forces."

General Gromov is known in this country as the pilot who flew the second Soviet plane across the Pole, from Moscow to California in August, 1937, establishing a record.

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Noted Chinese Plea for Gandhi

CHUNGKING, Feb. 25 (UP).—Thirteen prominent members of the People's Political Council, including Carson Chang, head of the Young China Party, sent a cable yesterday to Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India, appealing for the release of Mohandas K. Gandhi.

"We primarily are unwilling to meddle in the Anglo-Indian political struggle," the cable said. "However, for the sake of humanity, we hope you immediately will take the release of Gandhi into consideration."

POONA, India, Feb. 25 (UP).—Mohandas K. Gandhi, finishing the 18th day of his three-week protest fast, was reported maintaining his strength tonight and his followers were increasingly confident that he would survive his self-imposed ordeal.

Although reports from the Aga Khan's palace, where the 73-year-old Indian Nationalist leader is interned by the government, said he was growing weaker, visitors said he had recovered his cheerfulness since passing a crisis last Sunday.

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Cut in Maternity Fund Rouses Anger

By Frank Ryhlick
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The fight to restore badly needed "home front" funds to the appropriation bill now pending in the House started swiftly today.

The funds for maternity and child care, for special wartime education, for the War Manpower Commission, the War Labor Board and other government agencies were reduced or completely deleted from the bill by the House Appropriations Committee.

Eleanor Fowler, national secretary-treasurer of the CIO-Congress of Women's Auxiliaries, expressed particular concern over the deletion of a \$1,200,000 item requested by the Children's Bureau to help wives of soldiers and sailors pay for maternity and child care.

ARMY WIVES SUFFER She called attention to a recently issued Children's Bureau pamphlet which revealed that every month more than 25,000 wives of men in the armed forces apply for financial aid to pay costs incurred during pregnancy, child-birth and early infancy.

The \$1,200,000 appropriation would

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1,300 Released In North Africa

LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Gen. Henri Giraud has released 1,300 political prisoners in North Africa, most of them followers of Gen. Charles de Gaulle or members of the International Brigade, "Radio France" reported from Algiers tonight.

It is not clear whether these are prisoners newly released, or whether this figure includes prisoners released in previous weeks. See pages 2 and 4 of today's Daily Worker for more on North African prisoners.]

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By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

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Check to Rommel

By a Veteran Commander

IT IS difficult yet to see what the consequences of Rommel's setback at Kasserine Pass will be. It is not a triumph yet, to be sure, but it is something quite important against the general Tunisian background which has been anything but "victory-crisis" for us since Nov. 8.

On the War Fronts

There is little doubt that our troops (rather belatedly) received armored reinforcements which seem to have swung the local situation at Kasserine in our favor.

It is interesting to note that our fliers seem to have the run of the air pretty well, a fact which does not quite jibe with the "theory" that the Luftwaffe is concentrated in Tunisia, having been practically removed from the Eastern Front.

At present Rommel's spearhead has been pushed back into the Kasserine Gap and is being hammered in it by both Allied artillery and air force.

At the same time General Montgomery has captured Fom Tatahouine and thus is outflanking the so-called Mareth Line. From this southern flank of the line a trail runs across the Chott Djerid salt marsh and a British thrust in that direction might create a serious threat to Rommel's southern flank.

All in all it would definitely seem that the situation in Tunisia has greatly improved in the last 48 hours.

THE Soviet communique does not mention any specific advances for the last 24 hours, but it is quite obvious that the offensive continues, with the center of gravity gradually shifting northward, toward Orel.

The Germans are still offering a terrific resistance in the northern sector of the Donets Basin. Here they had intended about ten days ago to conduct a local offensive of their own, but that seems to have fallen through and they are now limiting themselves to a purely defensive battle with the object of preventing the Soviet trap from closing.

The Kuban trap is being narrowed by the Red Army which is slowly advancing to the west of Krasnodar.

Nothing of importance on the other fronts.

Voronov: Genius of Red Army Artillery

By Janet Weaver

MOSCOW, Feb. 25 (ICN).—The tall, good-looking 43-year-old Nikolai Voronov, first Soviet Marshal of Artillery, is the man behind the smashing of the German defenses. He is responsible for the "hurricane of gunfire" from which, to quote the Germans themselves, "there are only two salvations—death or insanity."

It was this hurricane that overwhelmed the Germans at Stalingrad and sent them reeling backward on all the sectors of the front.

Nikolai Voronov joined the Red Army 25 years ago when he was 18, and when the Red Army was just coming into being. Today he has become a veteran of all the wars the Red Army has had to wage, and one of the most outstanding Soviet authorities in the field of artillery.

ARTILLERY STUDENT
Voronov was one of the first students of the artillery course opened at Leningrad. He finished with honors, and an officer's commission in his pocket. He spent his subsequent years in the armed forces and studying at military school.

Later he headed the first Leningrad artillery school, which grew out of the courses he attended. Then for three years he was the commander of one of the country's best artillery regiments and occupied a series of posts in artillery units.

In 1937 he was appointed chief of the Red Army Artillery. Military experts hold that it was with Voronov's appointment as chief that this branch of the Soviet army began to develop into the formidable force it is today.

The entire present system of artillery training was worked out under his supervision; the number of artillery schools was increased and the first special schools for the training of young artillery men were established.

VORONOV'S SKILL
Marshal Voronov is known in military circles as an ardent proponent of a high concentration of gunfire, particularly after the war with Finland when he, as artillery chief, dealt shattering blows to the Mannerheim Line.

Since that time the Russian artillery men have been indefatigably working to raise the effectiveness of their weapons, particularly their anti-tank guns, and they have discovered much that is new. The results of this research was felt by the Germans at Stalingrad, Voronezh, Velikie Luki and Leningrad—wherever the fascist defense lines have been smashed.

The might of Red Army artillery was particularly felt at Leningrad and Stalingrad, where Voronov was present as the representative of the Soviet High Command.

The first Marshal of Soviet Artillery is an enthusiastic sportsman, with a particular weakness for soccer. The men in the army know him both as a good-natured man with a keen sense of humor, and as a demanding and enterprising officer. He has been decorated with the Order of the Red Banner twice and the Order of the Red Star once. He was promoted to the rank of Marshal of Soviet Artillery for his work at the battle of Stalingrad.

Britons Ask Release of North Africa Prisoners

Policy, Not Boundaries, Is Key to Polish-Soviet Amity

By Joseph Starobin

The newspapers are telling us about a "crisis" in Polish-Soviet relations. The whole thing has been simmering for some time, and we Americans might just as well get it straight right away.

For it isn't just a question of Polish-Soviet relations. It is really a matter of fundamental policy among the United Nations, and bears directly on how well and quickly we win this war.

On the surface, it appears to involve boundaries. The Polish government-in-exile on Dec. 18, 1942, passed a resolution insisting that the Treaty of Riga should govern Poland's eastern frontiers.

THE RIGA TREATY

What is this treaty of Riga? It is a "diktat" which the Polish reactionaries forced upon the young Soviet republic in October, 1920 after an entirely unprovoked assault. That war took the Polish grandees, under the leadership of the French Minister General Weygand, deep into Lithuanian, Byelo-Russian and Ukrainian territory. The war was strongly opposed at the time not only by the British people, but the Lloyd George government, and incidentally, it was looked up with great disfavor even by the United States.

You have heard the phrase "Curzon line." Curzon was Britain's foreign minister, and he proposed that Poland be bounded on the east in such a way as to keep the Byelo-Russian and Ukrainian peoples together. That is about the line to which the Red Army moved in the fall of 1939 when Byelo-Russia and the western Ukraine were liberated.

A RAPACIOUS TREATY

It is deeply symbolic that the reactionary elements in the present Polish government-in-exile still think of their eastern frontier in terms of that treaty.

For it was a rapacious treaty, imposed after a bitter and unjust assault on the USSR. This highlights the real issue: the Polish government, thinking again in hostile, anti-Soviet terms, or is it thinking in terms of its own treaty with the USSR of July and December 1941, which affirmed Polish-Soviet friendship and stressed the need of strong, friendly Poland in Eastern Europe?

So long as the Polish reactionaries hanker for "strength" at other peoples' expense, they isolate themselves from their own people; they alarm their other neighbors, notably the Czechoslovaks; they scheme with all kinds of Hungarian reactionaries; and no doubt, they cause trouble in London and Washington, whose basic policy is determined by the Anglo-Soviet treaty, and the agreement for post-war collaboration signed by Molotov and the President last June.

A FITTING REPLY

No wonder the famous Ukrainian playwright, Alexander Kornelchuk recently told these Polish colonels off in no uncertain terms. In an article which The Worker is publishing this Sunday in full, Kornelchuk recalls the misery, illiteracy, national oppression which the Polish government enforced in western Ukraine and Byelo-Russia. Proudly, he tells these gentry that one million named incidentally after the Polish revolutionist Felix Dzierzhinsky, produced more steel in the Ukraine than in all of Poland and Japan combined. Kornelchuk hails the heroic Polish people, but reminds the gentry scattered in this country and Britain to come to their senses.

APPEASER TALK

Take, for example, a clipping which a reader sends us from the Milwaukee Journal, Jan. 27. It reports a private luncheon, arranged



GEN. SIKORSKI



EDUARD BENES

for the counsellor of the Polish Embassy in Washington, Michael Kwapiszewski by the notorious appeaser, and former ambassador, John Cudahy.

As the anonymous but alert reporter says, "Kwapiszewski spoke almost entirely of Poland relations with Russia since the last war, barely mentioning his nation's difficulties with Germany, or the German assault on Poland that set off the present war." What the counsellor said of course was music for Goebbels' ears: bitterly and even arrogantly anti-Soviet.

Pressure of this kind is responsible for the fact that the Prime Minister Wladyslaw Sikorski charged the other day that the USSR was "interfering" by helping Polish guerrillas, and urging them to greater activity.

Now, it should not be surprising if the USSR is doing its utmost to speed guerrilla activity in Byelo-Russia and the Ukrainian republic. One can object to that only if one still considers these peoples under Polish rule.

But even assuming—we do not know for a fact—that the USSR is giving practical help to Polish guerrillas within Poland proper, what is so alarming about that? Do we not all wish that Britain and the United States would do the same?

Is it not a fact—and a grand fact—that British paratroopers are daily risking their lives to bring arms, printshops, paper into France?

A HARMFUL NOTE

Only a mentality which is less concerned about defeating Hitlerism and more worried about the USSR would cavil with the fact that a powerful guerrilla movement is crippling the Nazis in Poland.

Soviet Stand On Helsinki

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)
The Moscow radio yesterday, in an English language broadcast recorded by the OWI, indicates the Soviet attitude towards the present Finnish government and its "peace feelers."

Such "feelers" were reported from London the day before, and are said to emphasize "honorable frontiers" and the independence of Finland be guaranteed by the United States and Sweden.

Moscow's broadcast emphasized that the issue is not so much a question of frontiers as it is the basic hostility and anti-Soviet policies of the Ryti-Tanner government which twice in two years plunged the Finnish people into war with Soviet Russia. Finland's independence was long ago granted by the USSR itself.

The broadcast denounced Finnish-German brutalities and declared that the "Karelian people and all the peoples of the Soviet Union will never forget and never forgive the Helsinki rulers for the outrages they commit against the peoples of the occupied areas."

and that the USSR may be helping it.

On Jan. 16th, the deputy-premier of the Polish government himself described this movement with pride. To charge that the USSR is interfering "in Polish affairs" when it does what it can to speed victory is to hurt the whole common cause. Herbert Hoover, who urges "waiting a year" with the second front, is the only person who would understand such waiting tactics in Europe itself.

Coming from Sikorski, who himself has urged a second front now, this kind of talk doesn't make sense. It makes sense only as a reflection of extreme anti-Soviet illusions in his own government-in-exile, which is in danger of isolating itself from its own people, and from the official policy of Washington and London.

CZECH POLICY

Contrast all this with Czechoslovakia. Most everybody knows that Eduard Benes' government is not a Communist government; only the Nazis charge that. Yet it has stood firm for close friendship with the USSR, and insisted that only with the USSR's participation can Eastern Europe restore peace and rebuild itself.

Only the other day, Benes called on his countrymen to speed preparations for liberation.

Two weeks ago, the first Czechoslovak unit of some 5,000 soldiers entered the ranks of the Red Army to fight side by side with it for victory, the first European country to take such a great step. Yet there were upwards of a million Poles in the USSR, several hundred thousand of them able-bodied men.

I am telling no secrets when I say that the government-in-exile deliberately transferred them out of the USSR—and even dreams of far-off Mexico as a refuge for them—rather than have them fight with the Red Army under their own commanders for Polish liberation.

So that's what's behind the talk of Polish-Soviet crisis. It's not a matter of frontiers. It's a matter of policy.

The days of the "cordons sanitaires," of treaties like Riga are over; they are dead.

Only people who are living in a dead world—while Poland fights for life—can dream of a "Greater Poland" at the expense of Poland's neighbors.

Poland is great; she does not have to be "greater."

Soviet Officers Get New Posts

MOSCOW, Feb. 25 (ICN).—The Soviet press has published the decision of the Council of Peoples Commissars to promote Nikolai Vatutin, commander of the Southwestern Front, to the rank of Army General; Rodion Malinovsky, commander of one of the armies of the Southern Front, to the rank of Colonel General; Andrei Zhdanov, secretary of the Leningrad Committee of the Communist Party and member of the Military Council of the Leningrad Front, and Nikita Khrushchev, secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Ukraine and member of the Military Council of the Southern Front, to the rank of Lieutenant General; and Ivan Khokhlov, chairman of the Council of Peoples Commissars of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, to the rank of Lieutenant General of Supply Service.

The vanguard destroyed and burned 268 towns and villages, 139 towns and district libraries together with many thousands of volumes, 15 theatres, 14 movie houses, 22 hospitals, 14 polyclinics, 16 maternity homes, 14 machine tractor stations and hundreds of other state and collective farm buildings.

Work is already underway to restore the destroyed economy. The rural districts are energetically preparing for the Spring sowing.

Fight Castillo Gestapo, Argentine Communists Call

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 25.—"Like international Nazi-Fascism, the Argentine government finds itself alone, without reserves, while the reserves, the energies and enthusiasm of the Argentine people grow," says a manifesto of the Argentine Communist Party, received here, denouncing the arrest of four of its leading members, Victorio Codovilla, Rodolfo Ghidoli, Juan Jose Real, and Florentino Moretti.

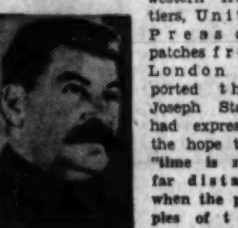
"The differentiation between the democratic and pro-fascist sectors in Argentina," says the Party statement, "even bursts out among the conservatives who have hitherto contributed to the support of Ramon Castillo (president of Argentina)."

"The government increasingly disintegrates, weakens itself more and more. And in its weakness, it falls back on the same methods used by Hitlerism, which, in view of coming defeat, makes use of the old 'Anti-Communist' methods to gain, without success, the adherence of forces that are frankly hostile."

DEBILITATED ARREST
The Communist Party statement describes the circumstances under which Codovilla and his colleagues

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

While the National Council of the Polish government-in-exile, presided over by Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski, met yesterday to reaffirm its demands on the Soviet Union's western frontiers, United Press dispatches from London reported that Joseph Stalin had expressed the hope that "time is not far distant when the peoples of the Soviet Union and Poland will forever oust from their territories the hated Hitlerites and their vassals."



Stalin

Stalin's reply came in response to Sikorski's greetings on the 25th anniversary of the Red Army and was reported broadcast on the Moscow radio. But only a few days ago, Sikorski had warned the Polish people against "premature" struggle and charged that the USSR, allegedly by help to guerrillas in the occupied area, was "interfering" in Polish internal affairs. No reply to this unusually provocative

charge has come from the USSR. At the same time, the Polish government-in-exile reiterated its claim to Byelo-Russia and the western Ukraine, united with the rest of the Soviet republics in 1939.

Disregarding the principle of self-determination of nations in the Atlantic Charter, by which the Ukrainian and Byelo-Russian peoples certainly have the right of unity already established with their Soviet brothers, the Polish government's statement insisted that the USSR was "bound by the Atlantic Charter" to return the peoples of these territories to Polish overlordship.

The Polish government's statement denied hostile intentions against the USSR either before the war or after but insisted on its claim to the Ukrainian and Byelo-Russian territories as though this in itself were not a hostile manifestation.

Apparently, General Sikorski's influence on his own government had greatly deteriorated. The reactionaries were clearly preparing to hold on to the "boundaries issue" despite the basic policies of cooperation with the USSR formulated in the treaties of July and December 1941. (See article by Joseph Starobin in adjoining column on Polish-Soviet relations.)

Gen. Catroux Hails Red Army Birthday

BEYROUTH, Feb. 25 (ICN).—General Catroux, plenipotentiary representative of Fighting France, greeted the Red Army on its 25th anniversary.

"Warriors of the Red Army!" he said, "the French people regard you with admiration. Every blow that you strike at the enemy strengthens the realization among the French people of the importance of your contribution to the struggle against the common enemy."

"All of us, who outside of France are fighting against Hitler Germany with arms in hand, know that all those in France who are sabotaging the Hitler war machine are inspired by the desire to give ever greater help to you who are bearing the main brunt of this struggle."

"The pilots of Fighting France in the USSR are living testimony of this solidarity forged in common suffering and common hope. Glory to you and your exploits."

The famous Arab anti-fascist writer and member of the Academy, Omar Fakhouri, said:

"I affirm that the world is obligated to the Red Army for all of its most precious possessions. The Red Army has contributed the lion's share toward saving the freedom and progress of the whole world from the greatest peril ever known in history, from Hitlerism."

Monsieur Yprien Dohmouni, Archbishop of the Armenian Orthodox Church in Damascus, said:

"I consider the Red Army the army of liberation of the world, and especially of Armenia. The victory of the Soviet Union is the victory of justice. I am ready within the limit of my possibilities to render any material and moral aid to the Red Army."

Begin Building Don Cleared In Stalingrad Of Hitlerites

MOSCOW, Feb. 25 (ICN).—Measures for restoring the economy and institutional structures of liberated Stalingrad were the subject of the ninth session of the Stalingrad regional Soviet, which was just concluded.

The vanguard destroyed and burned 268 towns and villages, 139 towns and district libraries together with many thousands of volumes, 15 theatres, 14 movie houses, 22 hospitals, 14 polyclinics, 16 maternity homes, 14 machine tractor stations and hundreds of other state and collective farm buildings.

Work is already underway to restore the destroyed economy. The rural districts are energetically preparing for the Spring sowing.

MOSCOW, Feb. 25 (ICN).—The capture of Bataisk, Novocherkassk, Shakhty, Novoshakhtinsk and later Rostov on the Don," writes Yemel'yan Yaroslavsky in Pravda, "spells the end of the robber rule of the Hitlerites in the Don area."

"Even more, it is a new crushing blow at the whole of the Hitlerite strategy. It is clear now that a serious blow has been inflicted on the German forces in the Donbas; that their key communications have been intercepted and cut and that the day of the German rout in the Donbas is drawing near."

"The miners, metallurgists and chemical workers of the Donbas and Rostov region have set about restoring the industry."

The Party says that the Castillo's action against the Communist leaders "not only defies the right of Communists to function publicly but also defies the right to decide independently and by themselves with whom they would march on the path of National Union" was denied.

"We are not in the Germany of the Gestapo, we don't want to be so here," says the Argentine Party's appeal. "The working class and the trade union will never submit themselves to the impositions of the Fifth Column" and says the appeal, attacking Joe Domenech, former head of the General Confederation of Labor who has been playing the government's game.

"National Union, despite all sorts of resistance, suspicions, remnants of isolationism, and disorienting maneuvers by reaction is today a reality," says the manifesto.

"This has already been decided by the people through thousands of National Unity committees, created in the factories, shops in the towns and villages, and expressing itself also in public meetings through the leaders of all the democratic parties."

Parley Here Sat., March 6

Prominent British members of Parliament, labor leaders and heads of governments-in-exile have enlisted in the campaign to release and rehabilitate North African anti-fascists, says the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, 425 Fourth Ave.

The Committee, which is sponsoring a conference, March 6th at the Hotel Astor to get the interned Spanish Republicans, International Brigade members and all other anti-fascists in North Africa out of jail, made public telegrams from London which throw light on the big movement for this same aim in Britain.

One communication was signed by Lords Davies, Farquhar, Strabolgi and Wedgwood, and labor leaders Jack Tanner, president of the Amalgamated Engineers Union; Will Lawther, president of the Miners Federation of Great Britain; Fred Woods, general secretary of the Clerical and Administrative Workers Union, and John Horner, general secretary of the Fire Brigade Union.

They asserted that because of the past work of the American relief organization on behalf of the anti-fascist refugees in North Africa and its intimate knowledge of the prisoners, "we consider a representative of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee should be allowed to go to North Africa."

The second communication, from Jack Brent, secretary of the International Brigade Association in London, disclosed that cabinet ministers in six Allied governments, including Poland, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Norway and Luxembourg, have joined members of Parliament in a cabled appeal to Harold Macmillan, British Minister in North Africa, urging the release of interned Spanish, German, Austrian and other anti-fascist refugees who have not government-in-exile to represent their interests.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee's conference on Saturday, March 6, at the Hotel Astor, will be chaired by Joseph P. Selsky, president of the American Communications Association.

Mr. Brent's cablegram states that the Czechoslovakian Minister of Defense has announced that 90 Czechoslovak nationals, including members of the International Brigade, have been released from the Spanish internment center at Miranda de Ebro. All other Czechoslovak nationals, including former Brigade members, have been freed in Africa.

Brent adds that 25 Yugoslav nationals, including four members of the International Brigade, have just arrived in England from Africa.

Soviets Show Skis Can Be Key Weapon

MOSCOW, Feb. 25 (ICN).—The experience of the war of the Soviet people against German fascism has shown that skis are not only a means of physical training, but a formidable weapon.

When the Soviet troops who broke the Leningrad blockade were engaged in the battle for Schlussemburg they came up against powerful German defenses. A ski unit was dispatched to help the advancing units.

Coming out on the highway, after destroying a garrison of enemy fire points under cover of artillery fire, the skiers broke through to the outskirts of the city. The German unit holding Schlussemburg was unable to withstand the swift blow.

The surprise blows of the Soviet skiers in the battles for Velikie Luki, on the Voronezh, southwestern and southern fronts, contributed much to the rout of the enemy.

Among the "snow cavaliers" there are many athletes. Skiing is the most popular sport in the Soviet Union. Hundreds of thousands of people, particularly the youth, participate in the annual ski runs organized by the trade unions.

While in 1941 some one and a half million persons participated in the ski run, in 1942 this figure had increased to three and a half million. This year's figure will be even higher.

The traditional ski run will start on Feb. 14 and continue until March 1.

Preliminary preparations for the ski run were started by the Young Communist League, the trade unions and their sports societies at the beginning of the winter, and they have already trained more than 700,000 persons. In Saratov alone more than 1,000 teams regularly went in for training in their free time.

The ski run will be carried out simultaneously in all parts of the country.

Find Victims of Nazis In Voronezh Ruins

VORONEZH, Feb. 25 (ICN).—The Hitlerites reduced four districts of Voronezh to a heap of ruins. Its finest buildings were razed to the ground.

Dozens of corpses of persons brutally put to death by the Hitlerites are still being found in the basements of houses.

Sixty schools, 12 institutes, all hospitals, polyclinics, museums, theatres and a majority of the movie houses were destroyed. In place of the student's town of the Agricultural Institute stand a few mutilated structures.

The building of the State University was blown up. All the valuable exhibits of the local history museums were plundered and the parquet floor made at the time of Catherine were used as firewood. A bronze monument of Peter the First was shipped to Germany by the Hitlerites.

Not a single undamaged house was left standing in the four districts where the Germans held sway.

Fleeing under the blows of the Red Army, the Nazis mined many streets in the districts. In two weeks, special de-mining squads rendered more than 2,000 mines harmless. They were found everywhere—in attics and basements and even in mattresses scattered over the premises of hospitals.

Restoration work has already been started. The departments of some enterprises are being repaired as well as an electric power station and a water main. Several bakeries and dining rooms are functioning.

The executive committee of the city Soviet plans to build this year anew two water towers and an electric power station, several schools and kindergartens; and to restore two hotels, two movie houses and 40,000 square meters of living space.

Consumers, Armed With Points, Ready for Canned Good Rations

The entire city population got set and ready to go for canned goods rationing yesterday as the three-day registration for War Ration Book Two came to an orderly and successful conclusion.

The last of those persons with names beginning with P through Z—signed up at local schools and found that application—for the new ration books was as easy as pie if you just followed instructions.

The next step in the democratic distribution of processed fruits and vegetables will take place when point rationing officially starts on March 1. Retail store sales of rationed items will be resumed on Monday after a week's "freeze."

On Wednesday 2,500,000 copies of War Ration Book Two were distributed to persons with names starting with O through Q, making a total of 4,500,000 for the first two-day registration. Neither rain nor a drop in temperature kept the large crowds away.

An unusual rush was reported at the district OPA office, 1450 Broadway, by persons who for one reason or another, didn't have the War Ration Book One without which they could not obtain Book Two. Many were told to appear at their local price and rationing boards or send written requests for replacement applications. Application forms may be obtained at rationing board offices.

Persons who were unable to get War Ration Book Two during the three-day registration, have been instructed to appear at their rationing boards March 15.

HAIR COOPERATION
Reviewing the figures for the first two days of registration, Dr. John E. Wade, Superintendent of Schools and Russell Potter, acting district manager of OPA, expressed appreciation for the cooperation and patient spirit of thousands of volunteers, teachers and school principals who assisted in the registration.

For the most part, the three-day registration was considered tops as far as the public's cooperation was concerned. In isolated cases, there were some protests when coupons were removed from the new books for excess stocks. Though some of the school lines were long, the democratic spirit of "first come, first served," prevailed. Lines moved swifter yesterday and more people presented "Consumer Declarations" forms with fewer mistakes and blank spaces.

No investigation of statement stocks is being contemplated, OPA officials said yesterday, but reports of excess holdings in some New Jersey households were being checked. These reports had been made by neighbors and storekeepers to the OPA office.

Truck Industry Needs More Men

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Existing and anticipated manpower shortages which confront the trucking industry have been indicated in surveys now under way in a number of cities where local labor-management committees have been established by the labor-management committee for the industry, Otto S. Beyer, director of the division of transport personnel, Office of Defense Transportation, has announced.

Late last year the committees were established to study labor shortages and potential labor reserves in 25 key cities. Their function was later extended to consideration of the need for training new personnel, and programs for the conservation of equipment have also been started by several committees.

Housewives 'Ready to Do Their Best,' On Point Rationing in 8th A. D.

By Louise Mitchell
Housewives shopping along First Avenue yesterday told the Daily Worker that the war has finally entered the kitchen with the registration for War Ration Book No. Two, which will be used to obtain processed fruits and vegetables.

"Not that we didn't know about the war before," said Mrs. Sally Karp, mother of two young children. "Prices going up all the time and shortages don't let you forget for a minute that there's a war on."

But the wholesale registration for the point rationing program, she said at the corner of 10th St. and First Ave., made every woman conscious of wartime regulations. Until now, you just had to worry about prices, but beginning March 1, even money won't enable you to get more than your fair share.

Mrs. Karp explained that women realize that they have to study the A, B, and C's of point rationing or else they won't know how to use their points efficiently.

"Of course there are a few who are annoyed because they won't be

News About Rationing

Bike Fans:

The price of used bicycles soon will be lowered says OPA. Specific dollars and cents ceilings will be set on all used bicycle sales. The order will also establish ceiling prices of accessories sold with used bikes.

Yes and No:

"No single OPA restriction is going to last one minute longer than is necessary," OPA head Prentiss Brown said yesterday. "On the other hand, I think in all fairness I should say that no essential OPA measure will be relaxed prematurely, if the result would be to impede the winning of the war."

Black Markets:

Cowhide shipments from unlicensed slaughterhouses have increased over 75 per cent in recent months are substantial proof that black markets in meat are flourishing throughout the country. The increased production of hides indicates that there is plenty of meat—more than usual—and the reason it isn't found in the butcher shop is because it has gone into black market stores.

Control of meat on the hoof and licensing of all slaughtering houses is imperative.

Greens:

Emergency ceilings have been placed on lettuce and spinach. No retailer may charge more than he charged in the last few days. This action follows a similar "freeze" this week on prices of fresh cabbage, carrots, snap beans, peas and tomatoes.

Unrationed:

Rice is not rationed. Reports reaching OPA indicate that some grocers throughout the nation are refusing to sell rice to homewives, alleging that rice is on the list of rationed processed foods, and frozen vegetables, sales of which have been suspended this week.

Use Your Head:

Even though "play" shoes are not being rationed, consumers have been asked to refrain from buying more than one pair per person. Excluded from the group of rationed shoes are: Current stocks of ski shoes, skate shoes, rubber-soled shoes with fabric uppers, gym and tennis shoes, locker sandals, bathing slippers, and five categories of play shoes, including Mexican huaraches.

For Your Info:

Housewives who want information on how to spend their "points" will be assisted by volunteers in Consumer Information Centers of the Greater New York Defense Volunteer Office. Groups or clubs wishing a speaker on the subject should get in touch with the CDVO Speakers Bureau, OPA Volunteer Speakers Bureau, Theater Wing, Board of Education, AWWV, League of Women Voters, Red Cross and New York Nutrition Committee.

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Answers to Questions on Canned Food Rationing

The following questions and answers by the Office of Price Administration are designed to clarify point rationing of processed foods:

Q. How can I get a certificate for buying rationed food in quantity?

A. If you live in a very remote area, or if transportation problems make it impossible for you to market as often as once in each ration period, you may apply to your local war price and rationing board for a certificate with which to buy up to the full value of all the points in all the ration books of the family.

Q. May I buy canned and bottled foods like cocoa, canned milk and olive oil during the "freeze?"

A. Yes, because those are not rationed. You may continue to buy them after the freeze without surrendering point stamps. Only the sale of canned, bottled, dried and frozen fruits, vegetables, fruit and vegetable juices, baby foods and soups is controlled by the present rationing order.

Q. May I buy frozen fish and canned chicken between now and March 1?

A. You may buy frozen fish any time. The sale of canned chicken, however, along with other canned meats, will not be resumed until meat is rationed about April 1.

Q. What do I do if I buy a can of food and find when I open it at home that it is spoiled?

A. Take it back to your retailer and ask him to exchange it for a can of the same food in good condition, or for a can of food that has the same point value.

Q. I have a supply of canned foods stored in a summer home which is closed for the winter season. I'm not sure of the number of cans, and they are of no use to me now. How shall I declare them?

A. Make the best estimate you can. One eight-point stamp for each can beyond the allowable five per person will be deducted now, but you will have the full use of your stored canned foods when you re-open your summer camp.

Q. May I use A, B, C coupons after the March period?

A. No. Stamps not used in the proper rationing period can not be carried over to the next period.

Q. I have a supply of canned foods on hand, but am giving up housekeeping while my husband is in service. May I give these canned goods to my friends?

A. No. You may not give away any rationed food unless you are sharing the meal where this food is being served.

Q. I rarely use canned foods. May I send my mother my extra point stamps if I do not need them before they become invalid?

A. No. It is illegal to give away any ration stamps whatsoever.

Q. I find that I will have some extra home-canned fruits and preserves on hand this spring. May I give these to friends?

A. Yes. You may give away up to a total of 50 quarts of home-canned foods in one year. Jams and jellies are not rationed, and you may give those away, too, if you wish.

ALP Begins WEVD Series

The American Labor Party inaugurated a series of weekly broadcasts over Station WEVD yesterday, at 10:15 P. M., known as "The Political Forum of the Air."

The program was opened by Alex Rose, state secretary, and Dean Alfange, recent American Labor Party gubernatorial candidate.

able to get things like they used to but most are ready to do their best.

"Those people who complain are just selfish," said Mrs. Anna Bowman, whose husband is a tailor. "We can't ask more of our soldiers, they are giving their blood. So we at home can do more, even more, than we are doing."

Mrs. Mary Finacci found the instructions on the Consumer Declaration form a little too difficult to follow even after her grown-up daughter Josephine had read them to her. Asked whether she would have preferred to have them printed in Italian, she said, yes.

Young Mrs. Bertha Fineman thought the point rationing system "was fun." It takes the monotony out of cooking and shopping, she said, until she finds a job.

Some mothers of large families felt that they could get by with their coupons because the youngsters were entitled to the same amounts as adults but did not consume as much.

Others complained that the whole

program seemed a trifle too complicated. Mothers with children found it hard to register at specific hours.

"Couldn't some other plan be used?" asked Miss Laura Point. When told that the system was working efficiently in Britain, she shrugged her shoulders and replied, "I guess they picked out the best one."

The influence of the appeaser press was felt in the reaction of one woman, who wouldn't reveal her name. She didn't think that such a rationing plan was necessary although she was forced to admit price ceilings had helped to keep living costs down.

"But why do they still go up?" she demanded.

When asked what she had done to ensure price ceilings and overall rationing, she snickered. "What can you do anyway?"

Miss Lillian Aprell with two brothers in the service thought point rationing and "sacrifices" to come were a cinch compared to fighting Rommel's army in Africa.

Brother of Cacchione Dies

Charles B. Cacchione, brother of Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn Communist, died yesterday of a heart attack in Chicago.

Mr. C. B. Cacchione, 49 years of age, was a tool engineer and railroad machinist. His home is in Dayton, Ohio, and he is survived by a wife and child.

Funeral will be held from his home at 509 Homewood Avenue in Dayton on Saturday.

Councilman Cacchione left yesterday to attend the funeral and announced that he had canceled all engagements for the coming week.

United Garden Rally to Assail Nazi Horrors

New Yorkers will fill Madison Square Garden next Monday night in protest against Hitler's murder of two million Jews.

The meeting will be a great demonstration of the American Jewish Congress, the AFL, the CIO, the Federal Council of Churches and many other national organizations, which are sponsoring the meeting.

William Green, AFL president; James Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer; Mayor LaGuardia; Governor Thomas E. Dewey; Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, president, the Federal Council of Churches and head of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Senator Wagner, and others will speak.

A detailed report on Hitler's massacre of the Jewish people of Europe has been filed with the members of the United States Congress by the American Jewish Committee, which is supporting the Garden meeting.

"Two million Jews, men, women and children, have been exterminated by the Nazi barbarians," begins the letter to Congressmen, which accompanies the report.

"Under the mandate of Hitler," the letter continued, "the remaining five million are to be destroyed."

"We urge you to add your voices to those of the British Members of Parliament, as well as the representatives of the United Nations, because your voices will strengthen the resolve of all freedom-loving peoples to overthrow the barbarous Hitlerite tyranny."

Jews Slaughtered

In an attached memorandum the committee reports that:

"Of Germany's 200,000 Jews in 1939, all but 40,000 have been deported or have perished; of Austria's 75,000, all but 15,000 have been destroyed; of the 80,000 in Bohemia and Moravia, all but 15,000.

"Nearly a third of Poland's Jewish population—1,000,000 persons—has perished in three years of German occupation.

"Of Rumania's 900,000, all but 370,000 are imprisoned, enslaved, deported or dead; Bulgaria has enslaved 8,500 out of 50,000; Slovakia has deported 70,000 out of 90,000; of Latvia's 100,000, one-fourth are reported massacred, the others enslaved or starving in ghettos. The fate of the Jews in the Ukraine has become one of almost complete decimation."

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House Group Stalls to Swing Ruml Steal

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Propagandists for the Ruml Plan "steal" are gloating as the House Ways and Means Committee's stalling on the government's tax requests is increasing the chances of the Ruml Plan.

Ruml's Plan suggests that the government cancel the five billion dollars which 300,000 upper bracket incomes owe to the government for 1942 incomes.

The bait for this scheme has been to offer to cancel the smaller income taxes which the lower brackets owe. Thus, the Ruml Plan advocates propose to deprive the government of billions of dollars of war funds when these funds are needed most.

The Treasury and organized labor have denounced this scheme. But the pro-fascist-usual Congressmen have decided to push it a plan through in the midst of delay and confusion.

The Ruml Plan advocates admit that the government will lose about five billion dollars due to it from the wealthier groups but claim that the government could "make it up" by increasing taxes on these upper brackets.

However, when the government does propose to do just that, the same people protest violently that this would hurt their "incentive."

Additional pressure for President Roosevelt's ability-to-pay tax program is needed in Congress.

Police Smash City Policy Ring

(By United Press)

A policy ring which operated in New York City and maintained headquarters in Schenectady has been broken up before it could spread into a big time racket here, police said yesterday.

Deputy Chief Inspector Michael J. Murphy, whose squad has arrested four men allegedly connected with the ring, said the policy racket was based on U. S. treasury balances and that prizes ranged from 25 cents to \$3,000 a day.

Joseph Karp, 40, of Schenectady, alleged leader of the ring, was arrested yesterday with Charles Gallagher, 49, and Herman Levine, 47, both of New York.

Rationed to 19??

WATERBURY, Conn., Feb. 25 (UP)—"I have 2,229 cans of rationed food in my cellar," a registrant for ration Book No. 2 told officials here. It developed that he was a restaurant owner who went out of business and took the stock home.

Charges Killer of Tresca Is Known

The New York Guildpaper, organ of the nation's largest local of the American Newspaper Guild, charged in its current issue that police and "every police reporter at Manhattan headquarters" know who killed Carlo Tresca, but that authorities have failed to act because of the political influence of the man behind the crime.

"The GUILDPAPER doesn't go in for crime crusades," the story said, "but it is a fact that if we were the law we could bust the Carlo Tresca 'mystery' wide open tomorrow morning, early."

"And that is no boast because—'Just about every police reporter at Manhattan headquarters knows who killed Tresca.'"

"Just about every newspaper shop in town has all the gory details, ready to go to town with black type once the law starts taking suspect or suspects in tow."

"The cops know too and DA's offices are not uninformed. The facts came out at a public meeting, where one man at least spoke up at the risk of his life. But no action. We would just as soon not say why."

"Remember all the talk, when Tresca was killed, about maybe a Red did it or a Fascist (Tresca was anti both)? Just to let you in on an open secret, it wasn't a Red. It was a gangster, some of whose best friends are pre-Pearl Harbor and pre-September (1941) Fascists."

"Mixed up with him were, and are: 'A powerful politico-grabber

Senate OK's Much Higher Food Prices

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP)—The Senate today approved, 78 to 2, a bill to prevent deduction of benefit payments in figuring farm parity prices, thus ripping out one of the main planks in the administration's parity price formula.

(The Administration policy is in figure benefits to farmers under the AAA as part of the parity price to farmers. This operates to keep down ceiling prices to consumers on a number of items. The bill demands AAA benefits on top of parity prices.)

The measure now goes to the House. If enacted, and it appears it will be, it would in effect annul part of President Roosevelt's price stabilization policy by allowing farmers to receive higher prices for certain products. I was sponsored by Sen. John H. Bankhead, D., Ala., and had support even from Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley.

Its approval marked the first positive phase of a powerful attack on the entire farm parity price structure and appeared to portend a fight that may force the administration into a tight corner in defense of its present policy.

Elmer Davis to Begin Radio Talks March 12

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP)—Elmer Davis, Office of War Information Director, will begin a series of weekly 15-minute broadcasts to the nation on Friday, March 12, it was announced today.

The talks will be broadcast from 10:45 to 11 P. M. EWT over NBC, CBS and the Blue Net Work. A rebroadcast will be carried by Mutual each Saturday at 4 P. M. EWT.

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Over The News Wires

Spare the Rod

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 25 (UP).—They'll spare the rod in Rhode Island's schools if Sen. John H. Finn of Newport has his way.

Finn has filed a bill that would make physical punishment of a pupil a misdemeanor for any school official. The penalty: a fine ranging from \$100 to \$500 or six months in jail.

Single Men First

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 25 (UP).—State Selective Service Director John T. Robinson said today that all available single men would be drafted in Connecticut before married men are called.

Robinson said a system of local board quota allocation has been arranged whereby boards with more single men than others will have larger quotas than boards with fewer single men.

He said this system was expected to delay for a time the induction of husbands and fathers.

Launch Liberty Ship

SOUTH PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 25 (UP).—With 14-year-old Cynthia L. Churchill of West Newton, Mass., as sponsor, the 15,500-ton Liberty Ship John Trumbull was launched today at the South Portland Shipbuilding Corp. Yard.

Miss Churchill is a daughter of the company's president. The ship was built for the U. S. Maritime Commission.

Idaho Goes to War

CHICAGO, Feb. 25 (UP).—Exit the mealy, de luxe Idaho potato. Government agencies have taken over virtually the entire potato crop from Idaho for the armed forces and lend-lease, mercantile authorities said today.

Potatoes from other parts of the country, including Florida, are being substituted. Potato experts said the public will find them an improved mashed potato.

Navy Bill OK'd

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—The House Naval Affairs Committee today approved a bill authorizing acquisition, conversion or construction of about \$1,000,000 worth of Navy auxiliary vessels.

The bill would authorize President Roosevelt to "acquire and convert or to undertake the construction of 1,000,000 tons of auxiliary vessels of such size, type and design as he may consider best suited for the purpose of national defense."

Subway Speeds War Traffic

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 25.—The new line of the Moscow underground, connecting the center of the Soviet capital with the Stalin auto plant, is one of the city's biggest passenger traffic arteries.

Opened on Jan. 1st, this line during the first three weeks transported over half a million passengers, and today the daily average is approximately 33,000. The terminus of this line is the Stalin Auto Plant Station, built under trying wartime conditions, and it has won recognition as one of the best underground stations.

The station master, although only in his twenties, is an old-timer among the men of the subway. Panov, when 18, left his job as mechanic in a dynamo and electrical equipment plant, to start work on the construction of the first line of the underground as a tunneler. Later, when the underground started operation, he was appointed station master's assistant.

During the war he volunteered for service in the Red Army and distinguished himself in action. Today, after recovering from wounds received on the battlefield, he has resumed his duties as station master of one of the biggest stations of the Moscow Subway.

British Leader Hopes 'Soon'

LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—War Minister Sir James Grigg told the House of Commons today that a "flood" of American troops is pouring across the Atlantic and that he hoped Canadian forces in Britain who have been clamoring for action "won't have to wait much longer."

Introducing the army estimates bill, Grigg listed Britain's problems of furnishing increasing aid to the Soviet Union and building up middle eastern forces, he added:

"At home we have had the problem of movement to and accommodation in Great Britain of United States troops. This involved rehousing a considerable part of our own army in order to hand over to the Americans, hulmeats, billets, hospitals and storage space.

"It is a burden we have been glad to accept and we shall be glad even to see it increase as the flood of American troops pours across the Atlantic."

Seamen Reveal Vichyite Tortures in North Africa

Free Prisoners, Garden Rally to Demand

By Art Shields

Seamen's reports of the continued imprisonment of anti-fascists in North Africa are spurring the campaign for the prisoners' release.

The campaign climaxes at Manhattan Center next Thursday night, when Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, and Pierre Cot, former minister of the Popular Front Government of France, will be the chief speakers.

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, who fought side by side with the Spanish prisoners five years ago, are sponsoring the meeting.

Tens of thousands of Spanish Republicans and many hundreds of progressive Frenchmen are still confined in the concentration camps of Morocco and Algeria, as members of the National Maritime Union just in from North Africa.

Some of the prisoners are being sent back to Spanish Morocco to be shot, says Adolph Belke, one of the seamen, who spend 28 months in a Vichy camp hell.

His story will be given in detail in next Sunday's magazine.

Many De Gaulle's are still among the victims, adds Marcelino Canales, a Puerto Rican seaman, who came home to Harlem from North Africa this month.

No one must be fooled with



MARCELINO CANALES

stories that all political prisoners will be freed, continued Canales. Many of the political are held on trumped up charges of "theft," etc.

Fascists are favored in the distribution of relief by the Vichy officials, he went on. Frenchmen and Spaniards, who express a wish to fight against the Axis are denied relief in many, many cases.

Their only hope is a handout from the Americans.

Anti-American propaganda is actively carried on by the Legion de Combattants de France and other fascist outfits, reports Amaro

E. Rocha, another American seaman.

"Why isn't there fresh meat?" a fascist will ask. "Because the Americans are eating it," the same fascist will answer.

The truth is that the Americans are eating meat they brought from the United States.

And they are feeding thousands of North Africans, including French, Spaniards and Arabs.

The Legion's fascist symbol, with its resemblance to the swastika, affronts the eye in many public places. And the picture of the Vichy traitor, Marshal Petain is a widespread eye sore as well.

Jews Persecuted

Persecution of the Jewish people was going strong while these seamen were in North Africa.

Many Jewish children were still barred from the schools, they report.

Native Moroccan Jews are still barred from the armed forces.

Restrictions of property ownership by Jews are still being enforced.

Corruption prevails among the Vichy officials. Illegal black markets sell goods at extravagant prices, while legal markets are almost barren of goods.

Behind the scenes there are bright political spots, however. That's the active united front movement of Spanish emigres, who have formed a united committee,



AMARO E. ROCHA

representing every political group that is fighting the Axis. And with it the united front movement of anti-Axis French.

These anti-fascists welcomed and aided the Americans in spite of persecution.

The date of the Veteran's meeting at Manhattan Center was shifted from Monday, the original date, to Thursday. Monday night has been set aside for the great Madison Square Garden meeting against the anti-Jewish pogroms of Hitler.

Sadowski Aids CIO Drive at Burroughs

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Feb. 25.—Congressman George Sadowski heads a broad sponsoring committee for a CIO organizational drive among workers of the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. here.

Others on the committee include Congressman George E. Edwards, Senators Charles Diggs and Stanley Nowak, Maurice Sugar, general counsel for the UAW-CIO, and George Pirinsky, secretary of the Michigan Slav Congress.

The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers' Union is conducting the drive. Wilbur Wild, a Burroughs employee with many years' seniority, heads the actual organizing committee.

A main aim of the campaign is to swing the plant fully into the war effort. Estimates place the actual work at between 10 and 15 per cent and one department is said to have over 100 idle screw machines.

Communists Hail Foster On 62nd Year

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International labor unity, to advance the anti-fascist unity of our nation and of its great labor movement are a living testament to your sterling qualities. Expressing the respect and love which our Party and the American workers hold for you, we salute you and send our warmest greetings.

(Signed)
"Earl Browder
"Robert Minor
"Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
"James W. Ford
"Gene Dennis
"John Williamson
"Roy Hudson
"Gilbert Green."

The greeting was joined by the editorial board of the Daily Worker. Its message to Foster said:

"The Editorial Board of the Daily Worker sends its warmest congratulations to William Z. Foster on the occasion of his 62nd birthday.

"Foster's name is synonymous with everything that is most militant, unflinching and incorruptible in the American working class.

"The Daily Worker is proud that this veteran American labor leader and national chairman of the Communist Party is a frequent contributor to its pages.

"May Foster have many more years of unmatched service to the cause of the American workers and the nation.

(Editorial Board,
"Daily Worker.")

Birth Increase in City Noted

In the first seven weeks of 1943 a total of 20,672 births have been recorded in New York City—4,485 more than in the corresponding period in 1942. "In the week ending last Saturday, Feb. 20," said Health Commissioner Ernest L. Stebbins yesterday, "the birth rate was 20.1 per thousand of population; 2,932 births were recorded. The average birth rate for the first seven weeks of the current year is 20.2 whereas it was 15.9 in the similar period of last year.

Only 69 infant deaths were reported as against 94 in the previous week. A drop of 15 in deaths attributed to prematurity was the largest single factor in the decline.

Encirclement of Foe Is Main Soviet Tactic

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ing from the western European front.

The Donets battle had entered its second month with the fighting entering in the Krasnoarmeisk, Kramatorsk and Voroshilovgrad sectors, at the northwest, north and northeast sides of the corridor.

Moscow noted also that German planes had intensified their action in the Novorossiysk pocket area of the Black Sea coast and a United Press dispatch quoted reports that German planes from Tunisia as well as Germany and France were in action there.

The Red Army, aided by complete units of American-made tanks, has opened a big attack on the Central Front west-southwest of Moscow, dispatches also reported.

It was the second front on which the Soviet High Command had thrown American tanks into action within the last few days. United Press advices from Moscow confirmed that both American and British tanks were in the Red Army spearheads driving on Orel, last German stronghold on the Kharkov-Moscow railroad.

Axis Picks Up Slanders by Warren Brown

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The article by Warren Brown on the Negro press, published simultaneously a few weeks ago in the Readers Digest and the Saturday Review of Literature, has been picked up by the Axis and broadcast throughout North Africa as a means of fostering disunity among Negro and white troops, the Federal Communications Service revealed here this week.

Brown, a Negro, was widely quoted in the commercial daily press as an "expert" on the Negro press, particularly his statements to the effect that Negro weeklies aggravated the unfavorable situation of the Negro people under the encouragement of "Communist" agitation.

The Axis took Brown's distorted facts and further distorted them, thus supporting the contention of Negro editors and other leaders of the Negro people that the Readers Digest and the Saturday Review of Literature were using the article as fascist propaganda.

Illegal Trading Grows in Norway

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 25 (ICN).—Speculation and illegal trading is increasing rapidly throughout Norway, the Swedish newspaper, Dagens Nyheter, reports from Oslo.

The Quelling press is compelled to admit that despite recent assurances of the Norwegian minister, supplies of the country's provisions for the next five or six months are by no means assured.

The Marine Wire Mystery--Or Banjo Strings in the Pacific

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—(Delayed).—Marine communications men were disturbed recently when they discovered that several sections of wire had been clipped out of the telephone lines they've strung across this jungle island.

With the positions in Allied hands and the natives friendly, the Marines were hard put to establish "whodunit"—until two repairmen happened by a native music group while it was giving a "concert" in a village.

Their attention fell upon a homemade banjo. The "strings" looked

Maternity Fund Cut Arouses Anger

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have gone to help the states provide this assistance.

Mrs. Fowler stressed that every effort should be made to restore this appropriation.

Another appropriation that was not granted would have given \$2,973,000 to the Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services to help provide day care for children of working mothers.

The situation here is complicated by the fact this particular appropriation was requested as a part of a behind-the-scenes fight of the Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services, which is under the War Manpower Commission, to get control of child care away from the Federal Works Agency. The latter agency is charged with administering Lanham Act child care funds.

A fight like this may endanger all plans for child care by playing directly into the hands of anti-administration forces.

The Federal Works Agency comes before the Appropriations Committee in about a month, and there is danger that an effort may be made to tie its hands on child care.

On the floor of the House today general debate was started. The bill is a \$6,000,000 deficiency measure. Most of the funds go toward construction of some 4,000 ships for the Maritime Commission.

Congressmen Frances Bolton of Ohio and Edith Rogers of Massachusetts urged restoration of funds for the child care program.

Even Jesse Sumners, the Chicago Tribune's Congressman, had to take this position. Representative Frank Keefe of Wisconsin, a conservative Republican, said he would offer amendments to restore the funds.

The difficulty, however, is that such amendments can be ruled out of order under House rules because there has been no "enabling" legislation on these matters. In other words, the House technically cannot vote an appropriation for an activity which it has not authorized.

Chairman Cannon of the Appropriations Committee said he would make points of order against all such amendments.

Senate rules are less rigid, and the funds can be restored there if a hard fight is started in the House and carried to the Upper Chamber.

In fact, the more vigorous the protest in the House, the more chance there is of success in the Senate.

House reactionaries could hide behind similar points of order against an amendment giving the Labor Department a \$337,000 supplemental appropriation to help reduce industrial accidents and other causes of absenteeism. They could take the same stand on an amendment restoring \$3,000,000 for an emergency program to help high school students prepare for war service.

But they cannot so evade several other issues. An amendment seems to be in order to give the War Manpower Commission its requested \$2,540,000 appropriation to adjust salaries in the United States Employment Service.

It is also in order to move that the \$3,250,000 deficiency appropriation granted the War Labor Board be raised to the requested amount, \$3,684,000. The funds are needed to help the WLB carry out its wage stabilization functions.

The National Resources Planning Board was again denied \$200,000 which it needs to continue its necessary war and post-war activities. This can be voted from the floor. It all depends on what the Congressmen hear from back home during the next few days.

Musicians Ask Biddle Act on Philharmonic

The intervention of Attorney General Francis Biddle was sought yesterday in the Philharmonic Orchestra dispute.

Calmen Fleisig, chairman of the orchestra's shop committee, which is leading the fight for reinstatement of 14 dismissed musicians, said a wire was sent Biddle yesterday accusing Arthur Judson, Philharmonic manager, of "monopolistic practices."

Judson's operation of the Columbia Concert Bureau, which manages artists, and his post as manager and executive secretary of the orchestra's board of directors, gives him a monopoly in determining what artists can play with the Philharmonic, Fleisig said the wire contended.

His committee presented its charges to the Attorney General because it has "broader interests than the reinstatement of the dismissed artists" and believes that "as long as Judson continues as in the past there can be no hope for the Philharmonic to emerge from its recurring financial crises and from its blundering mismanagement."

The executive board of Musicians Union, Local 802, yesterday continuing its hearings on the dispute and an official announcement from the union said that a statement would be issued only after a decision on procedure had been made after all parties had been heard.

The executive board already has before it charges against Dr. Arthur Rodzinski, incoming director of the Philharmonic, accusing him of responsibility for the dismissal of the 14 in a manner detrimental to the reputation and economic interests of the men. The committee asks financial redress or a public apology.

Chinese Halt Tokio Drives; Take Big Toll

CHUNGKING, Feb. 25 (UP).—Japanese drives in Hupeh and Kiangsi Provinces had been halted with heavy enemy losses and widespread enemy offensives have failed to secure except in the French-leased territory of Kwangchow, it was reported tonight.

The daily communiqué, reporting Chinese successes, said Japanese columns supported by heavy artillery and planes were repulsed in an attempt to cross the Yangtze River toward Tientsing Chow in Central Hupeh. Many enemy troops drowned in the river, and the remnants withdrew.

The communiqué said that violent fighting was continuing on both banks of the Yangtze in Central Hupeh, where 5,000 Japanese attacked Pengchow and Hailunkow.

It reported that Japanese forces thrusting from Northern Kiangsi toward the great Chinese base at Changsha, Hunan Province, were forced to retreat from the region of Kacau (Juchowfu), and that Chinese troops pursuing them had crossed three important rivers.

The military spokesman asserted that, with the exception of their occupation of the French-leased territory of Kwangchow last week, the Japanese had scored no successes.

"We consider it our duty," declares the Free Yugoslav broadcast, "to say that this Daily Herald statement fully contradicts the actual state of affairs in Yugoslavia."

"Firstly, there is only one center of resistance in Yugoslavia, not three; and this center is the High Command of the Peoples Liberation Army headed by Commander-in-Chief Tito and the Anti-Fascist Peoples Vece headed by Ribar.

"Secondly, this center directs the liberation struggle not only of Croatia but of all the districts of Yugoslavia.

"Thirdly, the 'liberation front' in Slovenia is not conducting hostilities against the Peoples Liberation Army, but on the contrary fights alongside this army against the occupation forces and its detachments form part of the Peoples Liberation Army of Yugoslavia.

"Fourthly, Mikhalovitch and his Chetniks, far from fighting the occupation forces, are on the contrary taking an active part in the offensive of the occupation troops against the districts of Yugoslavia freed by the Peoples Liberation Army.

"These are the true facts with regard to the liberation struggle against the German-Italian occupation forces in Yugoslavia."

For the first time in the parliamentary history of Latin-America, there were women seated in the Chamber of Deputies. Those present at the first session were Julia Arvalo, representing the Communist Party, and Dr. Antonelli Moreno, representing the Battista Party.

Uruguay Makes History

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 25 (ICN).—First session of the new Uruguayan parliament, held in this city last week, was another step toward reestablishment of constitutional normalcy in accordance with the solemn promise made to the people by the progressive government of General Alfredo Baldorin.

Between a half million and 650,000 Victory Farm Volunteers will be recruited from non-farm youth for farm work during the spring and summer months, Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard and the U. S. Office of Education said yesterday. Members of the Victory Farm Volunteers will come largely from the nation's high schools. Many will enlist from the ranks of the High School Victory Corps, a nationwide organization for the voluntary enrollment of high school students in the war effort. Schools which do not have Victory Corps will set up separate recruiting programs.

Negro Reporters Will Talk to U.S. via Radio

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Negro correspondents with American forces overseas will talk to the United States by short-wave broadcast during National Negro Newspaper Week, beginning Sunday, Feb. 28, and ending Saturday evening, March 6. This fifth annual observance of the founding of the country's Negro press will be greeted by President Roosevelt.

The observance is being held under the auspices of the National Negro Publishers Association.

The week's program will include newspaper articles and pictures relating to the history, achievements and program of the Negro press, as well as public meetings, nationwide radio broadcasts and a variety of activities in churches, schools and colleges throughout the nation.

The first Negro newspaper was Freedom's Journal, published in New York in 1827. Its editor, John B. Russworm, graduated from Bowdoin College in 1828, one of the first Negroes to win a college degree in the United States.

Today, according to the United States Bureau of Census, Division of Negro Statistics, the Negro people of this country in 1940 published 339 newspapers, magazines and bulletins. The newspapers had a total circulation of 1,726,600.

Marcantonio was hard at work today on the anti-poll tax speech he will deliver at 6:45 P.M. Saturday over the NBC national hookup.

"The main emphasis of my speech," he said, "will be to show how the un-American poll tax, by depriving nearly 10,000,000 Americans in seven Southern states on the right to vote, is threatening the success of our war effort."

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Rally Sun. to Salute Soviets

Congressman Joseph Clark Baldwin and Dr. Harry F. Ward of Union Theological Seminary will be among the prominent speakers at a "Salute to Our Russian Ally" celebration to be held Saturday evening at the Society for Ethical Culture, Central Park West and 64th St.

The program, which is sponsored by the Upper West Side Committee of the New York Council of American-Soviet Friendship, is in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Red Army.

Among the speakers will be Councilman A. Clayton Powell, Jr., Jerome Nathanson, of the Ethical Culture Society; General Victor A. Yakhontoff; Dr. Thomas L. Harris and Professor Henry Pratt Fairchild of the Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

Red Army songs will be a feature of the program, which is free to the public.

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State AFL Blasts Rickenbacker Slur Against Loyal Americans

(Special to the Daily Worker)
ALBANY, Feb. 25.—The New York State Federation of Labor today officially assailed the anti-labor attacks of Capt. Edward R. Rickenbacker.

The statement of the State AFL organization comes in reply to the Rickenbacker speech delivered before the New York State Legislature Monday.

Condemnation of the anti-labor attacks in that speech have also come from Democratic Party leaders of the Legislature and the CIO.

The Federation charged that Rickenbacker, although a former captain in the Army, "is certainly not reflecting the attitude of the Department of War or the Navy, nor of the officers of those departments who are directing the work of obtaining industry's cooperation."

"The forces of organized labor," the statement continued, "genuinely deplore and resent the rash and ill-tempered onslaught which Captain Rickenbacker has engaged in against union organizations of American working men and women. We regret his resorting to the use of the choice smear epithets of the professional labor-baiters which indicate sympathy with a common cause with those who propose to destroy the American labor movement. We are genuinely sorry that one of America's national heroes, incompetent no doubt through lack of sufficient knowledge, has impudently cast an undeserved aspersion on millions of loyal, patriotic citizens."

(Special to the Daily Worker)
NEWARK, Feb. 25.—One hundred delegates, representing 3,000 members of Local 447, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, have condemned Capt. Edward Rickenbacker for his deliberate slander of the labor movement's contribution to the war.

City College Prepares for Army Students

The first contingent of student-soldiers to be assigned to City College under the recently formulated Army Specialized Training Program is expected to arrive at the college's main center, 139th St. and Convent Ave., during the first two weeks in March. It was announced yesterday by President Harry N. Wright. The advance unit will consist of some 500 cadets, but with steady additions during the spring the corps may grow to 4,000 or 5,000 before the end of the summer.

The student-soldiers—they are to be known officially as cadets—will be assigned to the College by the War Department from among regular Army men less than 22 years of age who have had at least one year of college work and who have completed the 13-week basic training period. The first group of 500 will be augmented by the transfer of cadet officers in the advanced course of the College's Reserve Training Corps to active duty.

The entire unit will be housed and fed in the old Hebrew Orphan Asylum building on Amsterdam Ave., opposite the Lexington Stadium. The group will be commanded by Colonel Raymond P. Cook, professor of military science and tactics at the college, who will have the title of Commandant of Cadets, but their educational program will be supervised by the college authorities. William C. Davis, of the Economics Department, has been designated by President Wright as the college's liaison officer in charge of physical accommodations for the unit.

Britons Greet Giraud Actions

LONDON.—The steps toward reform now being taken by General Honoré Giraud in North Africa are welcome here as a positive start, but criticism is still sharply directed toward the appointment of the pro-fascist Marcel Peyronnet by many factory resolutions.

Four thousand signatures were secured in the factories of the Manchester area to petitions demanding the removal of Peyronnet.

'UE' Asks Curb On Rickenbacker

(Special to the Daily Worker)
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—Fifty thousand electrical workers, members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, District 1, have called upon Secretary of War Stimson to curb the anti-labor tirades of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker.

The union asked Stimson "to demand of Captain Rickenbacker that he stop bringing dishonor on the uniform of the U. S. Army, for anyone fighting labor today cannot serve the interest of America."

N. Y. Jersey Unionists to Push War Bills

Trade unionists from New York and Northern New Jersey war plants will come together for an all-day conference here Sunday to see how they can use their organizational strength to promote a win-the-war legislative program.

Delegates will come from all shops and locals of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, in the New York-New Jersey district.

In session at the Hotel New Yorker, they will concentrate on the following points:

1. Complete rationing of all essential commodities.
2. Effective price control.
3. A win-the-war tax program.
4. A win-the-war wage policy.
5. Total planning for all-out production through establishment of a War Cabinet in which labor, agriculture and industry will be represented.

Ernest Anders, district legislative chairman and president of UE Local 1225, will open the conference. James McLeish, international vice-president, will be a keynote speaker and Russ Nixon, Washington representative of the union, and Lyle Dowling, executive assistant, will present the UE national program.

Ruth Young, district executive secretary, will lead a discussion on how the program can be and is being applied practically in the legislative halls of state and nation. From noon to 2 P. M., delegates will report on their own activities.

Both Senator Pepper and Congressman Tolan, sponsors of the bill which would cover the conference's fifth point, by establishing machinery for planned war economy, have been invited to address the meeting.

At the conclusion of the session, delegates will act on a legislative program behind which they will put their strength this year.

Buys \$350,000 War Bonds to Avenge Levin

To avenge the deaths of Colin Kelly and Sergeant Meyer Levin, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America yesterday presented checks for \$350,000 to borough president John Cashmore of Brooklyn for war bonds to purchase a bomber to be known as the "Kelly-Levin" bomber.

Sergeant Levin, whose death in the southwest Pacific was announced last week, was the son of Samuel Levin, 1504 East 33rd Street, Brooklyn, a clothing worker, member of Local 3, Amalgamated Clothing Workers. Sgt. Levin, Colin Kelly's bombardier, was credited with sinking the Japanese battleship, Haruna, and had won the highest decorations for bravery. Jacob S. Potofsky, general secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated, presented the checks to purchase the "Kelly-Levin" bomber. Borough president Cashmore accepted them on behalf of the treasurer of the United States. Mr. Levin, father of the late hero, was present.

Mr. Potofsky declared: "Sgt. Levin came from a tailor's family, from a union family. His heroic deeds, his supreme sacrifice is just one evidence of labor's patriotism."

Victory in Local 89

AN EDITORIAL
THE outcome of elections in Local 89, Cooks and Pastry Cooks, AFL, is a victory for the constructive union forces in New York's food industry unions.

The sweep for the entire progressive administration slate by majorities of over two against one over opposition elements, is the answer to those who took heart in the hair-margin defeat of several progressives in Cafeteria, Local 302.

The Local 89 result is impressive enough

to show that the progressive traditions that have made the locals of the Hotel and Restaurant International a pillar in New York's labor movement, are as strong as ever.

The victory in the cooks local went to those who seek to unite all constructive and win-the-war forces in the union and labor ranks generally. Members of Waiters, Local 16; Chain Service, Local 42, and others that are due to hold elections in coming weeks, should take the example of Local 89 and make the lesson all the more emphatic.

Why Not Hear Labor?

COUNCILMAN WALTER E. HART acted in the spirit of national unity and fair play when he offered a resolution inviting

sidekick William Green and Philip Murray to address the council chamber in reply to the anti-labor attacks of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker.

Mr. Hart correctly points out that Rickenbacker's speeches, as the one he delivered before the New York Legislature Monday, were "calculated to disrupt the relations between employer and employee as well as to undermine the confidence of the American people in its government."

Rickenbacker has been spreading his disruptive poison from one end of the country to the other. The anti-labor and appeaser-owned press was only too willing to "go to town" on all his stuff.

It would be fitting and an act of democratic justice for the council of the country's first city, to give labor the floor, too. Every councilman knows well that New York is also the country's first union city, and they well know labor's great role for victory, even if Rickenbacker chooses not to see it.

Councilman Hart's resolution should get unanimous approval. It would be well for New York's and especially labor to so inform the members of the City Council.

Labor Must Rally to Crush Attacks-Foster

(Special to the Daily Worker)
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—Organized labor in America, in the face of the most vicious attacks it has ever known, has been too complacent, William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, said last week at a "Labor for Victory" rally sponsored by the Communist Party of St. Louis.

"The war is going to be won," Foster told the audience of more than 500 people which came to listen to one of America's greatest labor leaders tell them how labor could help win the war. "It could have been won in 1942, as Stalin said. That opportunity is past, but now we have a chance of ending the war in 1943 and saving the lives of hundreds of thousands of American boys."

But the only way in which the war can be won in 1943, Foster asserted, is by labor, 13,000,000 strong, uniting its forces and turning its attention to hamstringing the reactionaries in Congress who are bent on sabotaging the President's Win-the-War Program.

LABOR MAIN FORCE
Labor, he said, is the one force in the United States which can do this. And not only will labor be aiding in winning the war, but it will be at the same time giving the most positive and decisive answer to the vicious attacks being made on it by the Rickenbackers, the Hoovers, and the Ham Fishes.

Large sections of the Democratic Party, Foster told his audience, which frequently stopped him with long outbursts of applause, are no longer the party of the President. Many Democratic leaders have ab-

Meet the Man Who Would Crush Labor

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record that there was nothing at all between Sam Hobbs and myself. "Honey" is just a southern phrase.

"They said that bill was dishonest," said the man who defends his bill by saying that personally he is against robbery and extortion.

'GET-LABOR' BILL
"But Judge," I said, risking his being just cut to the quick. "It didn't strike me as very honest when you told me the bill wasn't aimed at labor and in the next breath said that it could cover a strike."

"Oh, that's part two," he said. "But only if there was violence or threat of violence. That was put in only at the suggestion of Joe Eastman (head of the Office of Defense Transportation). After he gave 100 instances showing its need."

"What were they? They all involved labor?"
"Oh, I didn't read them," he said, with a wave of the hand, puffing his pipe placidly. "That part is just for the duration of the war. Now labor's given its pledge not to strike during the war."

"So you think it's best for the national morale, for the public

welfare, to say, 'We'll get you, anyway?'"

"The point is," he said earnestly, his eyeglasses glistening, his second chin quivering in his apparent intensity, "the labor leaders have to be zealous, to hold their jobs." The CIO was just as unreasonable, he said, when he proposed the resolution to repeal the Strecher verdict of the Supreme Court, as he put it.

"We knew then that the law wouldn't cover Bridges (Pres. Harry Bridges of the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, CIO). So I proposed that the alien registration act of 1940 be amended to make anyone deportable for present or past membership in the Communist Party."

"But I voted against the Allen bill to deport Bridges. It was a bill of attainder," he said with pursed lips.

It was the first time I'd heard it admitted that the law was changed just to "get" a labor leader, and that bragged about. But Hobbs likes to do things in a legal way. And then there was the Hobbs Concentration Camp bill. Yes, sir, Hobbs is for the little man.

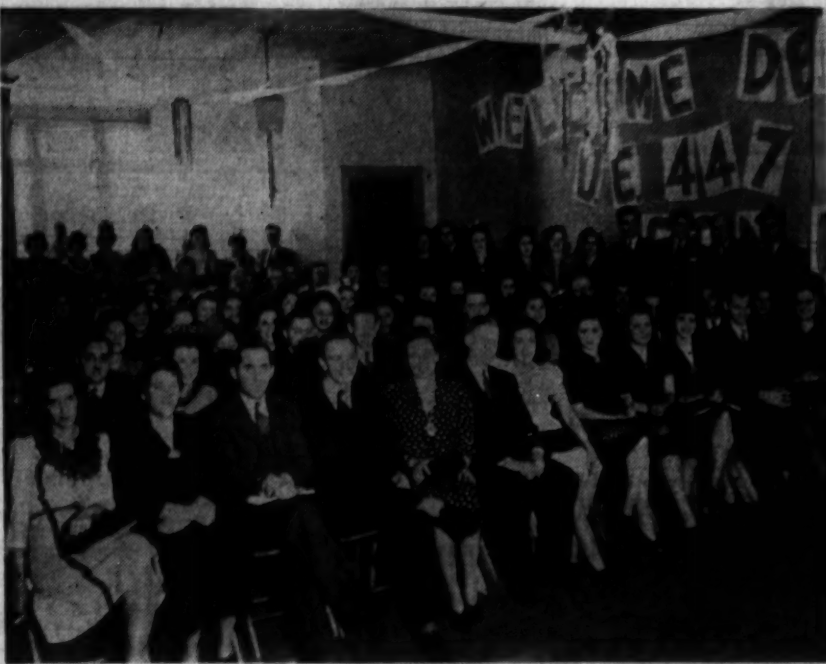
To Concentrate on Durable Shoes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—About 15 million more pairs of durable wartime shoes for civilians will be produced this year than last, although the total number of shoes made will be approximately one hundred million pairs less than 1942's record production.

Instead of offering vast selections of peacetime types, stores will stock more durable models, more complete size variety in each of them. Rationing assures fair distribution.

The elimination of most non-essential shoes is expected to save 75,000 man-hours every day,

Planning What They'll Tell Congress



Delegates from war plants talk over a victory legislative program, at a conference held by Local 447, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, in Newark. Front row, left to right, are: Mary Knowles, district activities director; Carolyn Whalen Jules Cherney, Earl Robinson, noted composer; Lydia Hanphrey, international union organizer; Charles Cannon, and Catherine Karakas.

Ohio 'UE' Opens Up on Anti-Union Bills

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CINCINNATI, Feb. 25.—Union war workers here have their sleeves rolled up and are going to work to advance victory in the field of legislation with the same zeal that they now advance production in the shops.

A conference of 150 shop stewards and officers representing all locals of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, heard a talk by Russ Nixon, union Washington representative this week, and set up a public affairs committee to combat the various anti-labor bills before Congress and the Ohio State Legislature.

Resolutions were adopted for support of the Pepper-Tolan bill, the decisions for the Casablanca conference and offensive action in Europe, for effective price control and full scale democratic rationing. Congressmen Hess and Elston were condemned for voting for continuation of the Dies Committee.

Harry Daniels to Get Farewell Party Tonight

The second dance of the Communist Club 8th A.D. Manhattan in the club rooms at 201 Second Ave. will be held tonight. This February Frolic will also be in the nature of a farewell to the popular and beloved section organizer Harry Daniels who is leaving to join the armed forces.

Kendall Rent Aide

Appointment of David M. Kendall as regional rent executive of the Office of Price Administration was announced yesterday by Sylvan L. Joseph, regional OPA administrator.

Your Money's Worth: Spend Ration Points Wisely

Are you ready for point rationing? We don't mean are you registered for it (you have to be by this time), but do you know how to spend your points?

This question of spending points wisely involves time saving and money saving as well as nutrition. If you're a working mother, for instance, who has to prepare meals after a long day's work, you must plan the use of your ration even more wisely than other people, so that the canned fruits and vegetables you buy can make the biggest contribution to rounding out your meals and saving cooking time.

In that case, don't waste your points on canned foods when you could prepare fresh ones of the same sort in almost as short a time as it takes to open the can. Save the points for foods that would take you longer to prepare.

Pep Vitamin

The following foods are rich in Vitamin B-1 (Thiamin). Be sure to use enough of them in your diet every day, since this vitamin can't be stored up in the body. They will give you pep and energy, steady nerves and a good appetite.

Whole grain and enriched breads.
Compressed yeast.
Dried yeast.
Whole grain cereal.
Wheat germ.
Rice polishes.
Peas, beans, lentils, nuts.
Oranges.
Milk.
Glutinous meats.
Lean pork and liver.
Egg yolk.

N. J. Unions Plan Legislative Action

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, Feb. 25.—Five thousand members of Local 447, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, today had embarked on an extensive activities program designed to strengthen work on the legislative front and provide recreation, sports and social life at home.

Plans for the program were perfected at an all-day conference held by delegates from the shops on Sunday last.

In the legislative field, delegates agreed to press for a centralized war economy for more effective mobilization behind President Roosevelt and the Casablanca decisions for an American offensive against the Axis.

Among other problems discussed were adequate wages for healthy and efficient production; child care facilities to aid working mothers and to cut down absenteeism, and price control and rationing.

7-POINT PROGRAM

Local 447 members will campaign for the adoption of the Tolson-Pepper-Kilgore bill as the guarantee of a centralized victory economy, and for the carrying out of the President's 7-point economic program.

The social program will be launched at a theater party March 23 when there will be a special Local 447 entertainment at the Newark Empire Theater.

The annual dance committee, headed by Jules Cherney and Doc Meyer, has started arrangements for an amateur show for the union's annual dance.

A unique feature of the conference was the gathering together of professional men and women now in war industry, now ready to give their talents to the union. Music Director Vincent Messina announced organization of a Local 447 Glee Club and symphony

orchestra as well as a jazz group.

The conference presented an honorary membership to Earl Robinson, author of "Ballad for Americans," in appreciation of his help in composing a Local 447 song.

CIO Body Backs Mine Pay Demand

(Special to the Daily Worker)

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Feb. 25.—The Marion County Industrial Union, CIO, passed a resolution supporting the demands of the coal miners for wage increases beyond the 15 per cent provision of the War Labor Board's "Little Steel Formula." Stating that the importance of coal production for the implementing of the decisions of the Casablanca Conference made the coal contract negotiations a concern of the entire nation, the resolution urged the coal operators associations and the United Mine Workers to use every agency of our war-time government to aid the negotiations for a new contract in order that there be no production stoppage.

Copies of the resolution were to the War Labor Board as well as to the respective organizations of the miners and the operators. Measures are also to be taken to publicize the position of the CIO Council on this matter.

WLB to Hear Grievances in City War Plant

Accumulated grievances which caused workers at the Phelps Dodge Refining Corp., Queens, to hold a one-day stoppage, this week, will go before the War Labor Board for action at 10:30 A. M. tomorrow in New York.

Cases not settled will be submitted to arbitration, under a WLB plan which helped end the stoppage. The same plan also resulted in promises that the Non-Ferrous Metal Commission of the board, which has had a proposed union contract under consideration for many months, would make a complete decision available by next Monday.

A committee of 20, representing Local 941, Mine Mill & Smelter Workers, CIO, to which Phelps workers belong, will bring the grievances before the board tomorrow at its offices at 122 E. 42nd St.

Rudolph Hanson, international representative of the union, said that the stoppage at the vital copper refinery, which brought all 1200 workers out, took place despite all union efforts to prevent it.

Management's refusal to adjust grievances generally and the long delay over the union contract, pending since last July, created an explosive situation which blew up when company officials refused to adjust a classification case in the anode department and were abusive to departmental stewards.

The case at issue involved 10 workers classified as common laborers at 75 cents an hour, who were actually working as host operators, a job which pays 80½ cents an hour.

As the stoppage in the anode department spread, the union official contacted the War Labor Board, which explained that no proposals could be made until men were back at work. Hanson agreed and with Lieut. Clifton of the U. S. Navy, who had been in on conferences with the company, convinced the men to return to work. They were back on the job today, and the conference on grievances at the WLB offices was arranged for tomorrow and the news on the contract obtained.

All issues in the contract, except wages, have been acted on by the board's Non-Ferrous Metal Commission and will be in the hands of the union at the end of this week, it was said. Wage issues will be settled Monday.

Chicago Union School to Open

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Registration for study courses in the new Abraham Lincoln School, organized to meet the special needs of trade union members, will continue through March 2 at the school, 30 West Washington St.

Professor A. D. Winspear, director, is a leader of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL, and a vice-president of the Wisconsin Federation of Teachers.

Courses covering the fight for victory, shop problems, the life and culture of the Negro people, labor and government war agencies, and a review of the news of the week are among those offered.

Today's Recipes...

Menus and recipes are important, but here's something much more useful: a menu pattern. It's got room for all the foods needed for a balanced diet, and at the same time you'll be able to fit into it whatever foods are on hand in your pantry, plus yesterday's leftovers. Pin it on your kitchen wall!

BREAKFAST
Sliced fruit (fresh or stewed) or fruit juice
Hot cereal
Whole grain bread (toast or plain)
Butter and preserves
Coffee, postum or milk

LUNCH
Hot soup
Sandwich—open or grilled on whole wheat
Cake or pie
Coffee, tea or milk

DINNER
Meat dish or meat substitute
Potatoes and vegetables (1 or 2)
Salad—plain or with dressing
Fruit—fresh or stewed
Cookies—coffee, tea or milk

BE 'SAUCY' NOW AND THEN

White sauce blends well with plain - cooked onions, carrots, parsnips, or turnips. For medium-thick sauce, blend 3 tablespoons of flour with 3 tablespoons of fat. Add 1½ cups of milk (fresh, or evaporated, or dried mixed with water). Cook 5 minutes and stir constantly to make the sauce smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper. This is enough sauce to mix with 3 cups of cooked vegetables to serve 6 persons.

Invent your own. To the white sauce and cooked vegetable add leftover bits of meat, or fish, or hard-cooked egg, or grated cheese, and serve piping hot.

Gas Saving Hints

Keep your eye on the gas stove and lower the flame, especially if you live in southern or western New York State, and especially for the next 10 weeks.

That's the request of Donald Henderson, chairman of the War Production Board, and it's directed to every housewife in the indicated area who uses gas for cooking or heating. The gas shortage threatens the work of war production, but it can be counteracted by a 25 per cent decrease in consumption by residential users.

Here are some gas saving hints that will come in handy:

1—When you have a roast in the oven, fill it up with other dishes. The same amount of gas will bake a cake, a vegetable dish and potatoes, and perhaps enough apples for several breakfasts while your roast is cooking.

This procedure will save you time as well as gas.

2—Never turn the gas on so high that it "blows." Gas should be turned on high only till the pot boils, and then should be lowered so as to keep food simmering, but not boiling hard. A higher fire won't cook it any quicker!

3—Keep the gas stove clean and properly adjusted, so that the flame is a clear blue, just touched with yellow at the tip.

4—Never over-cook your food. Most people cook vegetables, especially, entirely too long. This wastes not only gas but vitamins as well, and besides it spoils the flavor.

5—Don't leave the tea kettle boiling. Boil water only just before you need it, only just the amount you need.

By following these suggestions, you will not only help your nation's war effort—you will also reduce your gas bill, and every little helps with the cost of living these days.

CHANGE THE WORLD

The Bird-Lovers of Munich
See Goshawks, Cardinals and
New Ways to Lose the War
By MIKE GOLD

ON THE day the Munich pact was signed, there appeared a letter in the London Times, which said, "Sir, this morning as I walked through Hyde Park I saw a white-headed goshawk, fully three weeks before its season."

Many such nature notes from the country gentlemen who rule England appear frequently in the London Times.

There was nothing singular about this little note except for the fact that it appeared on the fateful morning of Munich.

And the name of the correspondent was Neville Chamberlain, architect of that infamous pact.

Chamberlain is dead. It will be remembered against him in the books of humanity that he cared more for little birds than for millions of human beings tortured by Hitler.

The "peace in our time" he promised was a vast damnable lie. His appeasement program only helped fascism grow huge and murderous.

And the Russia which Chamberlain and his bird-loving appeasers hated so profoundly has become the chief defender of world democracy.

If the Red Army had not fought with such genius and devotion, the Nazi hordes would now be conquering both England and America.

Decent people are grateful to the Red Army. True democrats, true anti-fascists joined everywhere to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Red Army.

It was noticeable, however, that the celebrations in the United States had little of the national character of those held in England.

In all the cities and towns of the British Empire, from the Thames to the St. Lawrence and thence to the plains of Australia and India, citizens and people joined in a day of gratitude and admiration for the epic Red Army and its leader Stalin.

Listening to the British broadcast over the short wave on Red Army day, one got the impression that this was a British holiday, something like our Fourth of July.

The British people had made it so. They knew without anyone's political advice what Russia meant to them. The Red Army was as close to them as their own Home Guards. No more Nazi bombs fell on England after the Red Army came into the fight. If the Red Army had proved weak or faithless, England would have been invaded.

Chamberlainism is fairly well buried in England. The people have suffered too much to believe any longer that Hitlerism can be appeased or reconciled into the family of nations.

Chamberlainism has crossed the ocean and is making its last stand in the United States.

The fakers in Congress go on anipating at the President, as though we were still living in a peaceful world.

They divert us from the war and victory with all manners of confusion, with rumors of British perfidy, Russian treachery, labor union sabotage, this and that and the other thing, including the birds.

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In the next column was a long statement hinting that Russia might sign a separate peace; the inference being that America ought to beat her to it.

What new Munichs are these bird lovers preparing for us, what new world calamities? But the peoples are better warned than at Munich, their blood is up and Hitler is almost finished, like the winter.

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At the Stage Door Canteen, a seaman from the British Navy accepts his free ticket to Harlem's largest annual party, the NAACP Birthday Ball, from Gwendolyn Minor, Canteen business and Hunter College senior. Onlookers await their turn for free tickets to the affair, which takes place tonight at the Golden Gate Ballroom. Count Basie and his band will be there, as well as Hazel Scott, Fats Waller and other celebs.

Joe Paszak, American

by Irene Paull

"Uncle Sam, we are told, has called Joseph Paszak for physical examination for service in the Army. If he is accepted, this community, organized labor and the common people will temporarily lose a staunch friend and leader."—Duluth Steel Plant News.

By Irene Paull

I met him on a picket line in '37. We warmed our hands at the same fire when it was twenty below zero out there among the smokestacks and frozen snowfields of West Duluth.

The paint workers were fighting for a union, and Joe Paszak, cement worker, took time off to help the boys do picket duty. He was tall and lean and rangy, with a slow grin, and a drawl like a western cowboy.

Joe was raised among those smokestacks of Gary, West Duluth. His father, his brothers, his uncles, his cousins, his pals... no college fraternities for them, no soft jobs, no white collars, no easy money. They all knew the insecurities, the anxieties of a worker's life.

When Joe helped the sailors in the Duluth port win decent working conditions and better pay after long years of depression and unemployment, nobody had to say "Thanks Joe." When Joe came out with a banner in the Guild strike, all they said was, "Hi, Joe!" They expected him to be there.

For Joe was a square shooting guy. And a union was a square deal for his kind, the people, the guys who do the work.

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Joe Paszak

field, was elected chairman of the Duluth Industrial Union Council, a delegated body of all the CIO unions in the city.

Tuesday, Nov. 3, was Joe's last CIO Council meeting. He was going into the army.

He presided with the same slow easy going informality. Joe was not accustomed to making speeches. He spoke only when there were words in him that couldn't be left unused.

There were words in him tonight that had to be said, and under the order of business, "Good and Welfare," he got up to make his last speech to the Council.

"Brothers and sisters," he began in his slow drawl, and there was nothing to betray the emotion in him except the heightened flush in his face.

"I'm going into the army," he said. "I want to say something to you before I go, because this here thing I want to say has been on my chest for a long time, and because I'm pretty mad."

"I want to talk to you about the Jew baiting that has been going on right here among certain members of our unions. Now, brothers and sisters, when a man comes to me and makes a statement against the Jews, I know that he is one of two things."

"Either he's a paid agent of Hitler and ought to be hauled into jail by the FBI because he's a traitor to the principles of this country, or he's just a poor ignorant dupe of Nazi propaganda, and I pity him, but I don't forgive him because he'd better get wise to himself because this thing is serious."

"Now, I ain't surprised when I hear this stuff from ignorant guys, but it has made me feel pretty sick to hear this propaganda from representatives of labor sitting right here in our unions. They ought to know that by spreading this type of stuff, they are helping Hitler in his effort to disunify and divide us, and I've heard our own national president, Philip Murray, warn us in these same words when I was a delegate to a national convention."

"Now, folks, it's not only Jew baiting they're using to disunify and divide us. And they're not only trying to turn us against the Negroes. But I'm a Slav. A man comes up to me with a paper and shows me where it says the Croats are killing the Serbs, and I say, 'Don't you know this paper was put out by Hitler agents?'"

"Don't you know Hitler wants to divide all the Slavs against each other, get 'em hating an' fighting each other so they won't unite against him? Then one guy says to me, 'Do you know brother Pearson is an alien?'"

"Now brother Pearson is sitting here tonight. He's one of our oldest and best men. Now I happen to know that brother Pearson's dad was born in this country, and last week he saw both his sons off to the army. Our enemies are trying to prejudice us against him so they can weaken and divide us, get even us council members here fighting each other."

"Jews are our Best Friends!"

"But about the Jews now... if I didn't know any Jews, even if there weren't any fighting beside us in the labor movement, I would still feel like I do because I know

Jews in this labor movement. Yes, brothers and sisters, I know them and you know them. They are our best friends, and they are sitting right here in this Council Hall tonight."

"Over there sits brother Sam. And I tell you, brothers and sisters, there is nobody sitting in this union hall tonight who has sacrificed so much for the labor movement as brother Sam. Then there is a friend of ours who we all knew and who died in an army camp just a short time ago... brother Stan Levine."

"I remember how he used to get after me to go up with him to the relief office to demand some poor fellow's rights. An' sometimes I'd say, 'I'm tired, Stan, some other time, Stan,' and he'd say, 'Aw, come on, Joe. Come on.' He'd push me on. He didn't get nothin' for it. Now, that kid worked for practically nothing on his job and he got nothin' for trampin' to the relief office with poor folks every day."

"Yeah, I remember when he didn't even have soles on his shoes... he had to stuff the holes with paper but he kept on goin'... an' believe me, he got nothin' for it. So I'm tellin' you folks, before I go, I'm goin' to fight fascism. An' I wanna know when I go you guys are fightin' it right here."

"I don't want to think that you guys right here are fallin' for the kind of stuff Hitler spreads in order to divide us. This has burned me up for a long time, and now I got it off my chest. Well, it's sure been nice knowin' you all... an' so long, everybody."

Ernie Pearson, when he heard about Joe's induction, said: "Look out, Mr. Hitler, here comes Joe Paszak!" Because Joe Paszak isn't just one guy. He's millions. He's the millions who discovered America, who fought its wars for freedom, who won its bill of rights.

I have a little boy who always wakes up in the darkest hour of the night, just before the dawn breaks, and cries, "Mommy, it's dark!" And every night I say the same words to soothe him, "Shh, honey, Don't be afraid. It's almost morning!"

To the anxious people of America, to our embattled Allies, to all the suffering, tortured peoples of the world, we say, "The Joe Paszaks are on the march! Chin up! Take courage! It's almost morning!"

Songs, Ceremony To Greet Madame Chiang Kai-shek

The Citizens Committee to Welcome Madame Chiang Kai-shek will hold a mass tribute meeting in her honor in Madison Square Garden, March 2 at 8:30 P. M.

At this meeting the wife of the Chinese Generalissimo will deliver her first public address in New York City. Guest speakers will include the governors of nine of the Atlantic States; Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, and other prominent state and national figures.

The audience will hear for the first time the Chinese marching song "Chi Lai" as sung in Chinese by Lawrence Tibbett, Metropolitan Opera Star.

Also scheduled as a part of the entertainment is the Westminster Choir of 250 voices, under the direction of John Finle; Williams, and the Allen Roth Symphony Orchestra of 100 voices.

The Westminster Choir will present for the first time "American Melodies," a patriotic medley of the fighting songs of the American forest.

Participating in a colorful ceremony "The Parade of the Lanterns" will be 125 Chinese children in national dress.

In honor of China's first lady, the entire Garden is being especially decorated for the occasion. The setting has been designed by Franklin Hughes and executed by Frank W. Stevens.

Good Neighbor:

Latin Americans Are Writing Best Poetry

By Samuel Putnam

Is there such a thing as a "Poetry Belt" in the Western Hemisphere?

Geographers, I am sure, have never heard of it; but there are times, nevertheless, when I am inclined to believe that it is a reality, one that ought to be shown on any cultural map of the New World.

Where is the "Poetry Belt" located? Well, let's see now. I think we should have to start it at Mexico City, where, appropriately enough, the great Pablo Neruda is stationed, a n d where there is a whole group of new and interesting young poets with their roots firmly sunk in the soil of the people.

From Mexico City we will trace a line running east and a little to the north until we come to Havana, Cuba, a city which, as we shall see in a moment, is by way of being the busy metropolis of this uncharted domain.

From Havana let us dip down to the southeast, to Haiti, the home of the great French language Negro poet, Jacques Roumain; and from there we will continue in a straight line to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Does this sound like a fantasy to you? Upon serious second thought, I do not believe that it is.

As I see it, it is precisely within this cultural-geographic "Belt" that by far the greater amount of the most significant poetry in the world today is being written. By this I mean the kind of poetry which points most clearly to the brave, new, young, poetic world of tomorrow, for the reason that it springs so authentically from our blood-spattered earth of today, from the rich, brown, fertile loam of the peoples of the earth, their sufferings, their struggles, their dreams and aspirations,

SWAMP HIM!



Tunisia and Europe

THE present successful counter-attack by Allied forces on the Tunisian front should quell those alarmists who saw calamity in the Axis advances of recent days. Our setbacks were of a very temporary nature. We are confident that the joint offensives of the British, American and French forces will not stop until the Nazis and their allies either surrender or are driven into the sea.

Quicker and more effective steps have to be taken to clear the fascists from North Africa. The last obstacles to victory on this theatre must be removed. Among these, the most important is to speed up the settlement of the political situation—by releasing all the anti-fascist prisoners and by replacing the present Imperial Council with a more representative and democratic body able to advance anti-Axis unity and mobilize the entire people.

Of equal importance is the need to safeguard our position against a possible thrust by Hitler through Spain and Spanish Morocco. Although the rumors of large German concentrations on the Spanish border remain unconfirmed, a Nazi invasion of Spain is an immediate and realistic possibility. Hitler will certainly do everything possible, as he warned in his beer hall statement, to anticipate second front action and seize the initiative in the West again. We cannot afford to forget that Franco is his ally and may be preparing a "Pearl Harbor" act under the cover of present negotiations with the Allies.

But the best way to anticipate Hitler anywhere is to strike into Europe now. Hitler does not yet face two fronts, as the Times continues to claim. Our occupation of North Africa and the present battle in Tunisia do not constitute a second front. They are supplementary to a Western Front in Europe and they improve the conditions for such a front. In North Africa we have an additional springboard for the invasion of the continent, and its use need not necessarily wait upon the conclusion of the Tunisian battle.

Even less must action from the great base on the British Isles depend upon what happens in North Africa. Our troops traveled vast distances in the "greatest armada in history" to seize North Africa. There are now millions of United Nations troops in Britain, fully prepared and impatient of further delay. Only a small stretch of water separates them from the European mainland. The submarine menace can in no way be considered an obstacle to the negotiation of these waters, over which can be mustered a great superiority of air and naval power.

We must immediately seize the great opportunity offered us by the Red Army offensive. We must launch the attack on Europe while simultaneously taking more rapid steps to drive the Axis out of North Africa.

Herr Wheeler

AS SURELY as a lifeguard rushes to save a drowning man, the Quislings and defeatists in Congress rush to help Hitler when he is on the ropes.

Senator Wheeler has taken one look at Hitler's sagging forces and rushes into print with "warnings" about the Red Army. Senator Wheeler has never been known to issue any warnings against Hitler or the Axis.

Wheeler, who helped soften America for the Pearl Harbor attack by declaring that Japan would not attack us, "warns" in an interview with the Hearst press, that the Red Army "may make a separate peace," and

in the same breath "warns" that the Red Army may "seize all Europe."

No matter which way the Red Army moves or what it does, Wheeler finds a way to smear our ally whose real crime in Wheeler's eyes is that it is defeating Hitler.

Fear of a smashup of the Axis prompts Wheeler's effort to cripple the American Army by curtailing its selective service.

Fear of Hitler's downfall prompts Herbert Hoover to urge that we hold off our attacks until "next year."

The Wheeler-Hoover-Hearst gang has a number of agents in Congress, and it is urgent that the American people let their Congressmen and Senators know that they are expected to support President Roosevelt's victory policies and not the Quisling line.

The British Government and Parliament greeted the Red Army and its victories over the Nazis. It would be a blow to Hitler if our own Congress were to follow suit, and in the spirit of President Roosevelt's greetings, slap the Wheelers by officially greeting our heroic ally.

For the Wheeler line is not only "anti-Soviet"; it is by the same token profoundly anti-American, as Laval's "anti-Sovietism" was treason to France.

The India Crisis

WE AGREE heartily with Prime Minister Churchill when he says that the danger to India has not diminished and that it is the responsibility of the British Government to defend India.

But it is precisely those considerations which demand that Gandhi and the other Congress leaders be immediately and unconditionally released. The All-India Congress wants nothing better than to be given the opportunity of rallying the Indian people for defense. Unity of practically every element in Indian political life for the release of Gandhi is a powerful indication of the growth in Indian national unity. There can be no question but that the main responsibility for the deepening of the India crisis, in the face of new threats from Japan, rests with the government which continues stubbornly to refuse negotiations for a settlement.

Undoubtedly, just as they did last summer, defeatist and appeasement elements in both Britain and America are attempting to capitalize upon the India crisis in an attempt to delay still further the Western Front in Europe and the development of coalition warfare against Japan.

Harry Bridges gave a good lead to the labor movement when he declared in Chicago the other day that the United States must take the initiative toward an immediate settlement of the India independence question. The trade unions should be in the forefront in requesting our government to work for the immediate release of Gandhi and the other leaders, and for their right to negotiate a settlement which will bring India full-heartedly into our common struggle against the Axis.

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The POLITICAL SCENE

The Price of Delay

By Milton Howard

THE military advances of the Red Army and Stalin's Order of the Day have once again placed the Second Front squarely in the middle of the nation's political life.

For two years, opponents of the Second Front have presented it as essentially a "help-Russia" proposition. It was naively admitted that we would be only too happy to "help Russia" except for the unfortunate circumstance that we were "not ready," that we "lacked shipping," or that we could not afford to be "reckless for Russia's sake."

The new, hard fact is that the Second Front can no longer be discussed in this manner before intelligent people.

It is awkward to try to talk of "helping Russia" when the world can see for itself that the Red Army is delivering smashing blows at Hitler's reeling armies.

It is difficult to profess a willingness to "help Russia" but bemoan the "lack of ships" when the world has witnessed the mastery execution of the joint British-American expedition in North Africa where we successfully crossed the sub-infested 3,000-mile course without mishap. The "help Russia" phase of the anti-Second Front deceit is coming to an end. Realistic calculation is beginning to crowd out deceit and delusions, and realism displays the truth that it is our own safety, our own security from Axis attack which makes the invasion of Europe an imperative necessity whose delay will be costly to us in materials and lives.

Lord Beaverbrook in Britain makes two powerful points as a result of his estimate of the Red Army's recent victories:

That the new military situation increases the peril as well as the opportunity of the other United Nations, since the weakened but still savagely powerful Nazi Germany may decide to strike westward after having tasted the bitter steel of the Red Army.

Therefore, continues Beaverbrook, it is the better part of wisdom to strike Hitler now before he strikes at us, and while he is un-

able to regroup his reeling forces.

The essence of the anti-Second Front propaganda was that we were not in actual military peril, and it was this illusion which paralyzed the hesitators, vacillators and speculators on "sitting the war out" while Hitler and Stalin would "bleed each other." It was with such mirages that the defeatists bemused the hesitators.

But after two years, the military truth continues marching toward us—that we cannot hope to evade our military obligations in the coalition war against the Axis, and that if we try to do so it will be not only at the common peril of all the United Nations, but quite specifically, and even more weightily, at our own military peril.

Thus it is the sharp pressure of our specific national danger which compels us to hasten toward coalition warfare in Europe, as provided for in the Casablanca decisions. We must attack Hitler before he recovers sufficiently to attack us.

OF COURSE, it was always true of the mass fight for the invasion of Europe via a Second Front that it was a fight to protect the national interest of Britain and America, to avert military attack by Hitler, and to save human lives by bringing the war to the swiftest possible conclusion.

The only trouble was that the hesitators could not be persuaded of this truth, and they persisted in viewing the Second Front movement as an effort to push America into a rescue mission in which its own vital interests were not directly concerned.

We have already paid the price for this folly in that we missed the opportunity of ending the war in 1942. As a result we shall have to pay a much heavier price in lives to end it in 1943.

Our Soviet ally has already paid a very substantial portion of the share. As Stalin pointed out in his Order of the Day, it still fights the Nazi war machine alone, and this takes from it great quantities of blood and materials.

But the logic of our common

danger—the logic which underlies the United Nations agreements—also brings us closer every day to the hour of reckoning when we too must pay history its accumulated debts. And this accumulated debt of the United Nations coalition presents itself to Britain and America as a growing peril of a Hitler attack which will catch us at a disadvantage and do us enormous harm.

The price of delay in invading Europe is what it always was—increased national peril, even peril of defeat.

IT IS highly significant that Administration spokesmen in Congress, House Leader McCormack, for the first time, confronted the anti-Administration policymakers like Herbert Hoover with the direct charge that their line spelled not merely "disagreement" within the ruling class circles of the country, but led to military disaster for the nation, including the ruling class. The Democratic Party leader confronted the GOP-Wheeler gang with the harsh challenge:

"Hoover's judgment—if followed to date—would be the road to defeat. The leadership of President Roosevelt is the road to victory."

Such words mean that the military realities growing out of the recent Red Army victories are beginning to make headway in Washington, as they must. It will become ever clearer that the Hoover-Wheeler-Dies policy actually imperils—just as the Communists say it does—the existence of the nation and the interests of all classes, including the capitalist class.

Our Soviet ally has presented us with another bonus in the form of another chance to smash Hitler to pieces this year. But if we don't accept the present, we shall have to face the common enemy sooner or later under ever worsening conditions.

Every interest—class, national, and private—cries aloud for mass defense of the Casablanca decisions and insistence on their fulfillment immediately. The price of delay in waging coalition war will be the blood of our own sons.

NAM Perpetrates a Brazen Fraud In an Alleged Survey of Cost of Living

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the NAM quotes from an article of Professor Sumner Schlichter of Harvard, who wrote:

"Anyone who now asks for a wage increase is asking exemption for himself from the decline in the standard of living which the nation as a whole must experience. The worker who asks for an increase is asking for exemption, in brief, and the rest of the nation has to take it on the chin a little harder so his standard can be preserved."

What are the real facts? Where does the NAM's deceit come in?

1—In the first place they are disproved by the Department of Labor figures, which give the cost of living rise as 22.1 per cent. Secondly, neither the NAM, nor the Labor Department break down the cost of living items to those that mainly concern the average worker's

standard, especially food, which takes about 40 per cent of his income, and it will be found that it is these very food and clothing items that have shot up highest. Thirdly, neither of them take into consideration black market prices, especially on meat and vegetables, which are not reflected in any cost of living figures.

2—It is on wages where the NAM goes all out, defying all restrictions, in its deception. Instead of computing the rise in wage scales (rates weekly or hourly) for the period which ranges from days when millions were unemployed or worked part time to overtime days, the NAM chose to compare "earnings." The average includes the man who earned \$2.00 an hour in 1939 and the man who then received 30 cents an hour. As is well known, it is those in the skilled crafts who have been able to win the most substantial raises. As is also well known, it is those categories that have been mostly worked on an overtime and double time basis. As a consequence, it is the earnings of this minority that has pulled up the average.

The bulk of the workers, those in the eighty cents or less an hour brackets, were lucky if their wage increase came up to the War Labor Board's 15 per cent limit.

The NAM seeks to leave an impression that the average figure represents a "raise." Nothing is said about the fact that the bulk of this increase represents extra work.

3—A further indication of what the NAM hopes to build up in the choice of the period of over three years that it takes for its survey. An attempt is made to sweep in the increases in wages that followed union progress for two years before the United States entered the war. The real effects of the war on the cost of living began to take effect here only since the middle of 1941. This, apparently, is the reason that the NAM decided not to take as its base the period since January, 1941 as the War Labor Board did.

In view of the slant that the NAM seeks to give to the "survey," its figures on earnings, including all the discounting factors, should be taken with a big grain of salt.

City CIO Seeks Million Names in Bridges Case

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to a petition urging President Roosevelt to reverse the Blidde order.

In its statement, signed by Joseph Curran, President, and Saul Mills, Secretary, the Council said: "sinister forces heartened by the quickening pace of reaction in Congress, are intensifying their efforts to move Harry Bridges out of the country."

"The reason for this is that Bridges has been doing too good a job for the war effort. He has accomplished the task of uniting all win the war forces on the West Coast to a program of speedy and improved production. There are more labor management committees in the area under his jurisdiction than in any other section of the country. He has mechanized ship loading and broken all records for speed in moving vitally needed supplies to our armies and allies."

"Because he is an outstandingly important production soldier, appeasement elements are trying to get him. They hope to disturb

smooth labor relations. They hope to provoke the labor movement to the detriment of the war effort."

"But all of labor will rally to see to it that our President orders the case to be dropped. The President can do this. The President will do this if labor speaks up NOW."

Together with the statement, the Council sent supplies of petitions and copies of Leo Huberman's story, "Bridges—Production Soldier," which tells of Bridges' role in speeding the war program on the coast.

The New York CIO appointed a special committee to co-ordinate the defense campaign among local unions. The committee includes: Lawrence Kammet, of the American Communications Association, Chairman; Victor Weingarten, Newspaper Guild; Julius Fieles, International Fur & Leather Workers; Jane Benedict, United Office & Professional Workers; Carl Nykanen, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers; Leo Bernstein, United Wholesale & Retail Workers; William Campbell, National Maritime Union; and Lewis James, United Automobile Workers.

Rommel Is Beaten Back In Tunisia

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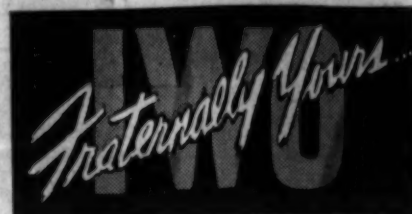
which is only two miles wide and six miles long.

Throughout today, the bombardment continued and many additional enemy tanks and motorized vehicles were reported knocked out. Military reports emphasized that the struggle for the Pass still has to be decided but the initiative was all in Allied hands.

Meanwhile, to the southeast, the British Eighth Army was intensifying its patrol thrusts into the Mareth Line fortifications.

(Radio France, new Algiers station, reported that new attacks against French positions in Tunisia were repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy.)

The U. S. Army 12th Air Force announced today that 10 American fliers shared credit for downing eight enemy planes over Tunisia yesterday.



"Moll Pitcher she stood by her gun And rammed the charges home, sir, And thus on Monmouth's bloody field A sergeant did become, sir."

MANNING HER FALLEN HUSBAND'S GUN at Monmouth in 1778, Molly Pitcher, New Jersey housewife, fired more than one shot at tyranny. Grimed and weary after the battle she was decorated by Washington, as he rode down the line of brave defenders.

MODERN MOLL PITCHERS everywhere are making Axis tyranny take it on the chin. In guerrilla bands and undergrounds throughout imprisoned Europe, women fight back. Soviet women are in the lines and behind the lines—wherever Nazi soldiers remain alive to despoil and enslave. Here in the U. S. women say "death to Hitler" in the armed auxiliary forces, producing war goods, protecting their communities. They say it, too, by organizing more women to do war work. IWO women are on the job as participants and mobilizers.

THE EQUAL PARTNERSHIP and signal deeds of women in the war will be celebrated by the IWO as Women's Month in March.



THIS WAR MOTHER of Spanish-American Lodge 4792, New York, receives a mother's service pin from junior member Julian Lebron. Honor to American war mothers and home front brigadiers, and tribute to United Nations women will hold the spotlight in hundreds of communities during IWO Women's Month. More women will be enrolled as air wardens, blood donors, war bond sellers and block plan volunteers.

THEY PLEDGED. New York women's clubs are out for new anti-fascist strength. City pledges total 400. Brownsville, with a quota of 105, proudly points to 62 new members and expects to reach their goal by March 3. Bronx has 30 out of 135 pledged new members. West Brooklyn has inducted 20 of the 111 it is shooting for. Manhattan, with a target of 75, maintains a mysterious silence. Brownsville Club 115 added 8 to its membership of 20 and will not stop to receive laurels.

INDIVIDUAL HIGH. Sister Gussie Littinsky of Club 605, Brooklyn, single-handedly transformed 10 women into IWO sisters. That's what we mean by womanpower!

EXTRA! X-RAY of your chest costs only \$1 (an IWO war health service). Spot your date, then mark it X for an X-ray check-up of your lungs. Philadelphia—Feb. 26 and 27 (810 Locust St.). New York—March 3, 4, 5 and 6 (for places phone ALgonquin 4-2321). New Jersey—March 6 (phone Market 2-2643).

TO BARE AN ARM for soldiers bearing arms to kays Hitlerism is an underserved need, as well as an honor for those of us at home. The American Red Cross call to triple last year's plasma gifts for our fighters is backed by the IWO, and its General Executive Board has named March as concentration month for the enrollment of IWO members in the Red Cross to spur all its efforts.

"FRATERNALISM CAN FIND one of its highest forms of expression in the work of the Red Cross," wrote Max Bedacht, IWO general secretary, to all Order sub-divisions, urging that members and communities be involved in the life-saving projects of that service organization.

SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND copies of a descriptive Red Cross brochure will be distributed by the labor fraternity. Here's what IWO members will be asked to do—"Sign up new in the Red Cross by paying your \$1 membership fee together with your March IWO dues!" In New York, the Order will help the Red Cross set up committees to draw whole national group communities into the drive. Other districts are expected to follow suit.

SURGICAL DRESSING units under Red Cross supervision, staffed by IWO members, are turning out quantities of practical aid for our armed forces. Two such units in Chicago, of 30 Jewish-American members, and 35 Ukrainian-American members, have rolled up noteworthy production records. The largest All-Finnish Red Cross Surgical Dressing Unit in the country at Norwood, Mass., was created through efforts of IWO Finnish-American Lodge 3655.

HEADLINED: 70,000 PINTS A WEEK, the February-March issue of Fraternal Outlook, monthly Order magazine, features accelerating response of IWO lodges to the "swell the blood bank" summons. One such mass blood donation of the IWO Bath Beach Community Council is pictured in a photo-story.

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